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Final call by the National Trust to beat MP's reform of planning

By Steve Knight

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THE National Trust has issued a last-ditch plea for people to support its campaign against the Government's controversial planning reforms – turning up the pressure on Tunbridge Wells MP Greg Clark who is looking to push the controversial reforms through.

The proposed National Planning Policy Framework streamlines more than 1,000 pages of existing rules down to just 52 and contains a presumption in favour of "sustainable development".

The plans also state that only councils with agreed local development plans – of which less than half in the UK have – will be able to refuse development on greenfield sites.

Mr Clark – the Conservative minister of state at the Department for Communities and Local Government – says the

reforms are needed to boost growth and provide more homes, but an alliance of conservation charities are concerned about the impact of the changes on open spaces and countryside.

"If adopted, this policy will pave the way for countless damaging development schemes in our countryside," said Hilary McGrady, director for the National Trust in Kent.

"Of course, we need development and economic growth, but not at any price.

"Kent is already under pressure for development and precious greenfield sites around towns such as Tunbridge Wells should not be up for grabs to every developer and volume house builder. We are now in a race against time to stop these reforms and I urge everyone to make their voice heard."

The National Trust plans to submit a

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Adam Ant's back

PRINCE CHARMING: We speak to star ahead of Tunbridge Wells show **SEE INSIDE**

CINEMA

Two sides of cinema coin

AS discussions continue as to the future of the cinema site in Tunbridge Wells, we ask two prominent figures for their take on the infamous grot spot – one in favour of commercial redevelopment, the other seeking a more cultural solution. Both provide compelling arguments. See inside.

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HEALTH

Update on our new hospital

ONE week after the Kent & Sussex Hospital shut its doors for the very last time, we speak to health experts and patients on what life is now like at the new 512-bed Tunbridge Wells at Pembury Hospital as it ushers in a new era of health care for the town and surrounding area.

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CRIME

Banned from town drinking

MAGISTRATES have extended an existing ASBO to prevent homeless Paul Starbuck from being allowed to drink on the town centre streets. The 47-year-old had been repeatedly arrested for alcohol-related anti-social behaviour both in Cornwall and now on our streets.

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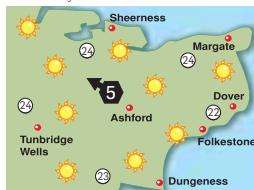
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DEVELOPMENT

Final plea to stop 'hypocritical' changes to planning policy

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petition to ministers when a public consultation on the NPPF ends on October 17, and is urging people to sign up by Friday, October 7.

Members of the public can sign online at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/planning or in person at National Trust-owned properties such as Chartwell, near Sevenoaks, and Scotney Castle, near Lamberhurst.

Meanwhile, Mr Clark has hit back at criticism by UK Independence Party (Ukip) leader Nigel Farage in this paper last week.

Writing in an opinion piece, Mr Farage accused Mr Clark of changing his stance.

Mr Farage wrote: "In 2006 [Mr Clark] campaigned ferociously against plans by the then-Labour government for an additional 6,000 homes in and around Tunbridge Wells - 'garden grabbing' as

it became known - and insisted it was a 'nationally imposed hike in housing numbers that will place yet more pressure on our precious green spaces'.

"It does strike me as rather hypocritical of Mr Clark to campaign against it when in opposition, but to champion it when in government."

But responding with a letter, printed inside today's paper, Mr Clark said: "He's wrong to say that is somehow hypocritical."

"I have always believed passionately that decisions should be made at the most local level possible - by the people who know their communities best."

"The Localism Bill - by scrapping the regional targets, and putting local councils in charge - does what I have always campaigned for: it takes power away from bureaucracies and puts it into the hands of communities."

■ See letters - on page 21.

HOSPITAL

So far, so good, as the patients and staff settle into Pembury

By Ed Hill

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PATIENTS and staff have given the fully operational new hospital at Pembury the thumbs up - one week after it took over all the services from the Kent & Sussex.

Much hope is pinned on the £234 million, 512-bed super hospital, with the closure of the A&E department at the old Tunbridge Wells site last Wednesday ushering in a new dawn in our health care.

Nick Evans, spokesman for the Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone NHS Trust, said: "The first week went very smoothly, everyone is getting used to their new surroundings."

"From the patient's point of view few seem to really appreciate the differences from the old hospital. People are really enjoying the fact they have their own bathroom and the surroundings are bright and comfortable."

Jacqueline Hudson, 69, from Sevenoaks was one of the new patients able to see the



FOR THE FUTURE:

The state-of-the-art new hospital at Pembury has been fully operational for just over a week now

contrast between the old and new hospitals.

She said: "The new hospital is like a four star hotel compared to the old Kent & Sussex. In my room, I have my own bathroom and a TV. There's a lot less background noise and,

combined with the wonderful care from the staff, it really makes you feel you are going to get better."

Mr Evans added: "We're very grateful for the help and support from Kent Police, Kent Highways, South East Coast

Ambulance and our own Patient Transport Service with whom we worked very closely in the planning and execution of the patient transfers and full opening."

As we reported last week, the final patients were trans-

ferred from the Kent & Sussex last Tuesday, with the A&E department closing for good as of 2am on Wednesday.

A police escort was used to ferry patients to the Pembury site in Jumbulances - a mix of luxury coach and ambulance.

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BUSINESS

Entrepreneur sets the world spinning with his global idea

By Chris Britcher

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THEY are being touted as one of this Christmas' biggest sellers – and now the entrepreneur behind them is hoping his innovative idea delivers on its promise.

Former chartered accountant David Sinclair, who was born in Biggin Hill and now lives in Westerham, is the man behind Globees.

But rather than conventional globes of the world, they are illustrated globes depicting some of the great tourist cities in the world.

Among them so far are the likes of Rome, New York, San Francisco, London and Edinburgh.

The idea sprang, one night in October 2008, from a flash of inspiration to put a city map onto a globe – and after realising no-one else had come up with the idea he set to work.

He now has intellectual property design rights on 25 globes and patents pending. Meanwhile, retailers around the world are snapping up the Globees with hopes they could become a big festive smash.

Explains Mr Sinclair, who developed the idea along with his wife Harriot: "Globee has gone from strength to strength. I am delighted there has been such great interest from a number of major retailers who are now selling them."

Retailers stocking the product in the UK include the likes of Waterstone's, John Lewis and WH Smith. It also has stockists from as far afield



STOCKING FILLER:
Globees could prove big hit this Christmas in stores

as North America, Asia, Europe and Australia.

The products range in price from £15 to £30.

Mr Sinclair has no intention of standing still either. He is already putting the finishing touches to soon-to-be-launched Talking Globees – which will have talking sensors giving audio information about historic and tourist sites. He's also working on Braille versions of the talking globe and a range of spin-offs such as money

boxes, puzzles, umbrellas and children's books.

"I believe they are proving so popular because they have such a wide appeal for children and adults alike. Globees are both educational and fun and what better way of keeping your memories alive."

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Olympian cuts ribbon

FORMER Olympic gold medallist Sally Gunnell officially opened a new state-of-the-art physiotherapy gym at The Horder Centre in Crowborough on Tuesday. It forms part of a major multi-million pound development scheme at the hospital in St John's Road which serves NHS, private and self-funding patients. Ms Gunnell won gold in the 400m hurdles in the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona and bronze in the 4x400m relay during the same Games.

➔ Festival fun in town

THE first ever Cranbrook Music Festival takes place this weekend - with more than 40 local bands and artists performing in the town centre. Organisers hope the event will become an annual fixture on the calendar. Money raised will go towards supporting local charities including the NSPCC, the Holly Eatwell Trust and Cranbrook Christmas. The event has secured performers via social media with all donating their time free of charge.

➔ Bank celebrates 175th

STAFF at NatWest's Tunbridge Wells branch celebrated its 175th birthday this week with a special birthday cake at the Mount Pleasant Road building. It first opened in 1836 as one of the newly formed Surrey, Kent and Sussex Banking Co's first branches before a number of bank mergers led to it eventually becoming NatWest. Manager Nick Hunt said: "We are proud of our close association with the town."

CRIME

Asbo extended from Cornwall

A MAN who has been repeatedly arrested for alcohol-related anti-social behaviour in Tunbridge Wells has had his ASBO extended to ban him from drinking in the town.

Paul John William Starbuck, 47, of no fixed abode, has been banned from drinking or possessing an open container of alcohol in Tunbridge Wells town centre.

He was originally handed a five-year ASBO by Truro Crown Court for similar alcohol-related offences back in March 2009, as well as being prohibited from having a dog called Mr Fudge dangerously out of control in a public place. The dog must now be muzzled in public.

Starbuck then decided to move to Tunbridge Wells, where he continued to create a nuisance.

In a bid to stop his offending, on September 16, officers from Tunbridge Wells sought a variation from Truro Crown Court to extend his ASBO to cover Tunbridge Wells' alcohol zone.

The court heard how Starbuck had been abusive, violent, and had even spat at someone



while drinking, and granted the variation to his ASBO, which prohibits him drinking in Tunbridge Wells' alcohol control zone. Starbuck was handed the order on Monday.

Chief Inspector Simon Wilshaw of Kent Police, who gave evidence against Starbuck, said: "We want to enforce acceptable levels of behaviour in Tunbridge Wells and take action against the minority of people who are intent on intimidating or harassing others."

"Should anyone witness Starbuck breaching the conditions of his ASBO, until it expires in March 2014, I would urge them to contact the police straight away."

CHARITY

Beluga Bar to host tsunami charity fundraiser

A CHARITY ball to help raise money for orphans in Japan following this year's tsunami in Japan takes place at the Beluga Bar on October 27.

The event – the Bucks Fizz and Canapes Charity Ball – will raise money to help provide long-term support to orphanages in Tohoku and other areas affected by the devastating earthquake and subsequent tsunami.

Organiser Maria Julius said: "Since the tsunami even more children have been put into orphanages as relatives cannot afford to care for them."

The evening will include comedians and live music. Tickets for the event cost £15 with the event running from 8pm to 1am.

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BIG DEBATE: THE CINEMA SITE

Epicentre for the arts or commercial hub?

By Jenna Pudelek

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THE future of the derelict cinema site in Tunbridge Wells is a subject that has gripped the town and been at the centre of much debate.

Dividing lines have been drawn between those who envisage a cultural and community hub and those who see it as prime commercial property.

This week, we asked two residents with an interest in the notorious 'grot spot' – retired architect, John Albiston, and former Tunbridge Wells Borough Council portfolio holder for economic development, Tracy Moore – what they would do with the site.

Last month, the former ABC cinema site in Mount Pleasant Road was sold in a £10 million deal to a Luxembourg subsidiary of private equity firm The Carlyle Group, in a joint venture with the London-based developer Bellhouse Joseph.

The developer's leading director, Ed Bellhouse, told this newspaper that he planned to transform the site into shops and a hotel. Budget hotel chain Premier Inn is among those to have expressed an interest.

Before the sale was agreed, an impatient council revealed that it planned to make a compulsory purchase order (CPO) on the site.

Deputy leader and portfolio holder for major projects Cllr David Jukes also revealed his concept for the eyesore, which has been empty for more than a decade. His ideas, which won favour with many, were to create a museum, art gallery and theatre as well as new council offices and meeting rooms.

Cllr Moore, a former City fund manager, who was an instrumental member of the cabinet during the previous administration, explained why she supports a mixed use development of hotel, shops and offices.

"As former portfolio holder for economic development I was concerned about the long-term prosperity of the town," she said. "As a resident and a mother of young children, this issue still concerns me."

"It is known that Cripps Harries Hall, a prominent law firm in the town and employer to nearly 400 people, is looking for new premises and desires a 'one site solution'."

"It is clear the Great Hall car park will not be redeveloped and I imagine Cripps are still looking for new offices."

"I am aware they prefer a site near the train station, so clients can easily walk to their offices. Perhaps they would be interested in the cinema site?"

"Last autumn I met with



FOR THE FUTURE: Above is Cllr Jukes' vision for the old cinema site, one of two very different views of the future for the grot spot

have some "iconic new architecture", adding: "Whilst there are a myriad of ways of redeveloping our town centre, there should be no 'quick fix' or a 'firefighting exercise' to overcome the problems we face today and in the future."

When Cllr Jukes revealed his ideas for the 1.5 acre site and the council's determination to take ownership of the site, it seemed as though, finally, there would be some movement on the eyesore. News of a sale was welcomed cautiously by the local authority because it has already been purchased

three times and the town has seen similar redevelopment schemes fall by the wayside.

Cllr Moore, whose political career will be ending next May after the Tunbridge Wells Conservative Association would not allow her to stand for Park Ward, said she was "reasonably confident" about the new owners.

She added: "The cinema site has been vacant for over a decade, mostly because developers have been unable to finance a viable scheme, which is consistent with the Local Plan."

"The previous owner spent

far too much time assembling and ran out of credit before he was able to deliver the scheme which has planning permission. Prior to that, I believe a developer wanted to build a nightclub as well as residential dwellings. I believe this was considered contrary to the Local Plan, which calls for 'mixed-use' development."

"I feel reasonably confident that the new owners, a private equity fund and a developer, have the resources to deliver on the existing planning consent for the site."

"It is rumoured they paid in the region of £10m for the site, which is about half of what the previous owner paid to acquire the buildings."

"This gives the new owner a better probability of turning a profit on the existing planning permissions, and thereby delivering a viable new development. The existing permissions are for a large office (headquarters size), a hotel and retail on the ground floor."

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a group of local hotel operators and they were all keen for another hotel to locate in the town. While you may wonder why they welcome competition, it was explained to me that a 'greater mass' of hotels would help Tunbridge Wells in maintaining its attractiveness as a tourist destination.

"Finally, I believe that restoring the retail frontage (to provide a continuous line of shops and restaurants) would alleviate the north-south divide of the town. For all of these reasons, I support the new owners pursuing the build-out of a mixed-use scheme."

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I feel reasonably confident the new owners... have the resources to deliver

CLLR TRACY MOORE

Meanwhile, Cllr Jukes' vision of a cultural hub has caught the imagination of many, if not the developers, who see it, unsurprisingly, as a strictly commercial site.

Prominent Tunbridge Wells blogger Christopher Cassidy (anke.blogs.com) called the councillor's ideas "fantastic" and told us he would keep up the pressure to try and get developers to at least think about an arts and cultural use.

For Mr Albiston, who retired from leading firm Benoy Architects in 2009 after 12 years designing shopping centres, the cinema site should not be developed in isolation. He sees the

site as a possible "epicentre" for the arts in the town.

"It must form part of a Town Centre Planning Strategy and within an infrastructure framework for the betterment of the community," he said. "With experience, developers are only interested in the good rental values that a development can give them rather than a best option for the community."

"A simple SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis on the town's existing facilities and amenities shows a marked reduction in arts and culture. In this respect the cinema site should be developed to improve the quality of life in our town."

"A new theatre and fly tower can be designed using the natural contours of the site attracting West End shows and international artists, which it unfortunately does not do at the moment. The theatre could become the epicentre of an arts and cultural area, which would encompass the existing Trinity centre."

Mr Albiston saw the site as either becoming a cultural centre, complete with cinemas doubling as lecture theatres, an art gallery and workshop space, or the council's new headquarters as part of a 'business centre of excellence' that stretched down over and around the station. He said this centre would be a good location for a hotel.

However, he said: "To allow a similar development as the one which gained permission not only dismisses the giving back of a building to the community, but makes it difficult to develop the civic centre site."

"A new arts and cultural centre or new offices for the council would free-up space on the civic centre rather than restricting its development."

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Runners-up who each receive £50 of vouchers plus Kent



Crisps and Quex Park tickets are: Mary Mackins, Tunbridge Wells, with Whitstable boat at sunset; Emily Winkworth, Ramsgate, with Viking Bay; and Win Dalton, Ashford, with Bluebells at Challock.

Quex Foods managing director Anthony Curwen said: "Our winners stood out through their combination of character, colour and something personal in each image; they are all places and moments that say Kent to us."



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Claire Sweeney



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EDUCATION

Pensions row will see second round of strike action hit universities

By Steve Knight

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UNIVERSITY lecturers who went on strike over planned changes to their pensions have agreed to take part in a second round of industrial action.

Scholars based at the University of Kent campuses in Canterbury, Medway and Tonbridge downed tools in March after failing to stop a reduction in benefits through the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS).

The proposals include an end to final-salary pensions for new members, the introduction of a pension age of 65, and the linking of pension increases to the lower Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate of inflation.

The lecturers who went on strike are all members of the University and College Union, and are threatening a prolonged course of action starting this month unless the body which oversees the pension scheme – the Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA) – agrees to negotiate.

Otherwise a total of 52 universities will see disruption, including again the University of Kent.

"The idea is for a gradual progression, from lesser forms of industrial action to more extensive ones," said UCU Kent secretary Steve Holland, head of special collections at the university library.

"For example, the idea is that from October 10 we will work to our contracts, which means sticking to our contracted hours and not doing anything outside of that.

"I think people are pretty fed up with the way public sector pensions are going, especially among USS members when the scheme is actually in pretty good nick.

"There's no sign it's in desperate straits, and we feel the broad measures introduced aren't necessarily needed."

The university employers say the controversial changes to the scheme – which has about 130,000 active members – are necessary to cut the long-term cost of funding it.

Students' union members said in March they had agreed to back the UCU campaign despite the damage it could potentially cause to their degrees, and Mr Holland said lecturers and other staff were grateful for their support.

He added: "We will be talking to the students because we're obviously concerned about the impact these pension changes will have on the quality of education.

"You can offer lecturers less, but will you get the best people applying or will they go abroad? Students will demand a higher level of service now they're having to pay higher tuition fees.

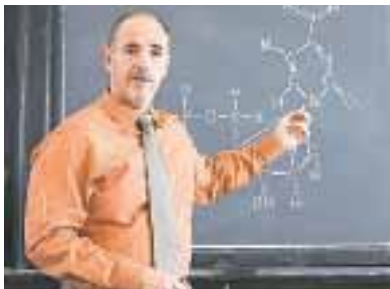
"It's in the students' best interests to have happy academics. As long as we keep in good contact, we can usually come to some kind of arrangement with them."

A UCEA spokesman said the organisation was disappointed by UCU's announcement of action.

He added: "The changes to the scheme were approved by the USS trustee board, which includes UCU representation, on June 9. This followed exhaustive negotiations and consultation.

"They are moderate by any standards and include the retention of a final salary pension for all existing USS members."

■ **See Opinion on teachers' pensions concerns – page 20.**



TICKED OFF: Lecturers downed chalk in March

HEALTH

Champagne launch to open new care home

WADHURST Manor Care Home was officially opened this week with a champagne reception. The new 65-bed care home in Station Road was unveiled on Wednesday. It was opened by general manager Jo Brown and founder and chief executive of operator Barchester, Mike Parsons. There were also four local heroes on hand to help cut the ribbon. A brass band also performed, along with a magician and caricaturist.

DEBATE

Question Time panel ready for Pembury

PEMBURY is to stage its own version of popular BBC TV news show Question Time. A panel of county councillor Kevin Lynes, Inspector Simon Wilshaw from Kent Police, Kent College head Sally-Anne Huang, Pembury Parish Council chair June Crowhurst and Tesco deputy manager Richard Calvino, will face an audience on October 20 at the Village Hall. To submit a question email membspembury@aol.com.

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BACK ON TOUR: Adam Ant, aka Stuart Goddard, has recorded a new album and will soon be back on tour – including a gig in Tunbridge Wells in December



ENTERTAINMENT

He's back...the musical Adam Ant returns and

By Chris Britcher

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IT is a statistic which will make those of a certain age cringe, but Adam Ant's career now spans a remarkable five decades.

From the spit and sawdust of the punk explosion in the 70s, to the pomp and splendour of his 80s hey-day, he is a genuine music icon; his fashion choices as era defining as the catchy tunes of his string of hits.

After recent years where his health has made more headlines than his musical legacy, he is back where he belongs; on stage and playing to sell-out audiences in critically acclaimed tours.

And for the first time in his impressively long career, he is coming to Kent.

His show at Tunbridge Wells' Assembly Hall Theatre in December should be one to remember; his six-piece band ripping through some of the biggest hits from his back catalogue, some rarities from the earliest days of Adam and the Ants, and a sprinkle of songs from his upcoming album, the snappily titled Adam Ant is the Blueblack Hussar in Marrying the Gunner's Daughter.

He's even back wearing the pirate gear.

Just don't get him started on digital music ("it's robbery"), the internet ("created by bread-headed hippies and Trekkies"), Facebook ("look up the description of megalomaniac and you'll find its founder pictured"), Apple executive Steve Jobs ("he's all about making dough, not art") or the major record labels ("financial sodomy").

Adam Ant, it would seem, is still as opinionated as ever – and it's rather refreshing to see; especially after his long absence from the music scene due primarily to his battle against his personal demons in a high-profile struggle against mental health problems over the last decade.

And, looking remarkably fit and healthy for a man of 56, he's heading our way. Not that he is a complete stranger to the county of Kent.

"I used to spend my holidays in Birchington when I was a little kid," he explains, speaking from his plush home in London's Kensington.

"I used to go there between the ages of seven and 10.

"My Dad was a chauffeur and his boss used to have a house there on the coast – which is

still there. I used to go down there, play on the beach, and muck about.

"My daughter's grandparents live in Kent so I've been down there a few times, Dover Castle's a knock out. It was great – I've had a really good time down there."

For a man who has lived a life which makes a rollercoaster seem a rather tame ride in comparison, much of his old swagger is back. As, it would seem, is the desire to live a life of quality.

"It used to be the case," he says, "that when I toured I never had any time off.

"If I did, then the record company would fill it up with something. But now, as I'm doing it all myself, it's a little different. I love going into the towns I'm performing, buying some books, some clothes, picking up a guitar. I do tend to enjoy the experience now.

"But then I love playing live."

And, so, it would seem, do the critics. Many have hailed his return to the stage as one of rock's great comebacks.

"It's odd," he says, "we've

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ADAM ANT, ON HIS NEW RELEASE

never had good reviews before – everyone in the media hated us.

"I do read the reviews, but they're not the main motivator. I try and give a good night's entertainment, keep it simple, that's all I can do.

"We do all the hits, because that's what people want.

"I don't do medleys, and there's not a big stage show. There's just me and the six-piece band.

"The process is to get out there and give people what they want and what we want.

The equation is quite simple. If we enjoy it, then it tends to be the case the audience enjoys it."

Adam Ant – real name Stuart Goddard – has played a significant, if sometimes coincidental, role through rock music's modern ages.

In 1975, his first band Bazooka Joe gave a support slot at a show in London to the first ever public performance by a young group by the name of the Sex Pistols.

By 1977 he had formed The Ants; two years later, after approaching Pistols' manager Malcolm McLaren to guide them, the group would be infamously pinched by McLaren to form BowWowWow.

Ant would not be downhearted though. He recruited new members, and as Adam and The Ants enjoyed huge mainstream success in the early 80s with a string of big-selling albums and singles – among them the likes of Prince Charming and Stand & Deliver; both fully harnessing the power and the imagery of the pop video.

A successful solo career followed, with the likes of Goody Two Shoes, Puss N Boots and Apollo 9. He even appeared at Live Aid.

After pursuing an acting career in America, he dipped his toes in and out of the charts until his last album, Wonderful, in 1995.

At which point his career as a pop icon was replaced with some deeply concerning developments.

Having been diagnosed with bipolar disorder – manic depression – a number of incidents in London in 2002 and 2003 (one of which famously saw him smashing a pub window before threatening staff with an imitation gun) would see him treated in psychiatric wards and eventually sectioned under the Mental Health Act.

By 2007, and after extensive treatment to control his condition, he returned with an autobiography, then, last year, he emerged once more on to the live music scene before embarking on major tours earlier this year.

The new album – scheduled for a release on Ant's own label later this year – is hotly anticipated. Just don't expect to find it on iTunes any time soon.

Explains the singer/songwriter: "It's a double-vinyl album; traditional beautiful cover, sleeve notes, lots to read while you're listening, a CD and

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a box set. I'm going old school and I'm not doing downloads.

"I'm making a point. I'm a songwriter. And everyone knows that music which gets downloaded for free means the songwriter doesn't get paid. And that's not right. It's robbery.

"So I'm up against people like Steve Jobs on his billionaires' row. He's not interested in dough, he's interested in dough.

"I look at the people who gave us the internet and they are just bread-headed hippies. They're Trekkies.

"I have a website. I'm just a traditionalist. I'm not a Ludite. I'm all for progress, but there's nothing you can do on a laptop now you couldn't do by getting some books out and an A-Z."

But does he fear that by not embracing the digital age, he risks failing to exploit the iPod generation?

"The internet has robbed musicians of their income – so

that they have to play live and they have to sell t-shirts. And

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ADAM ANT, ON PLAYING LIVE

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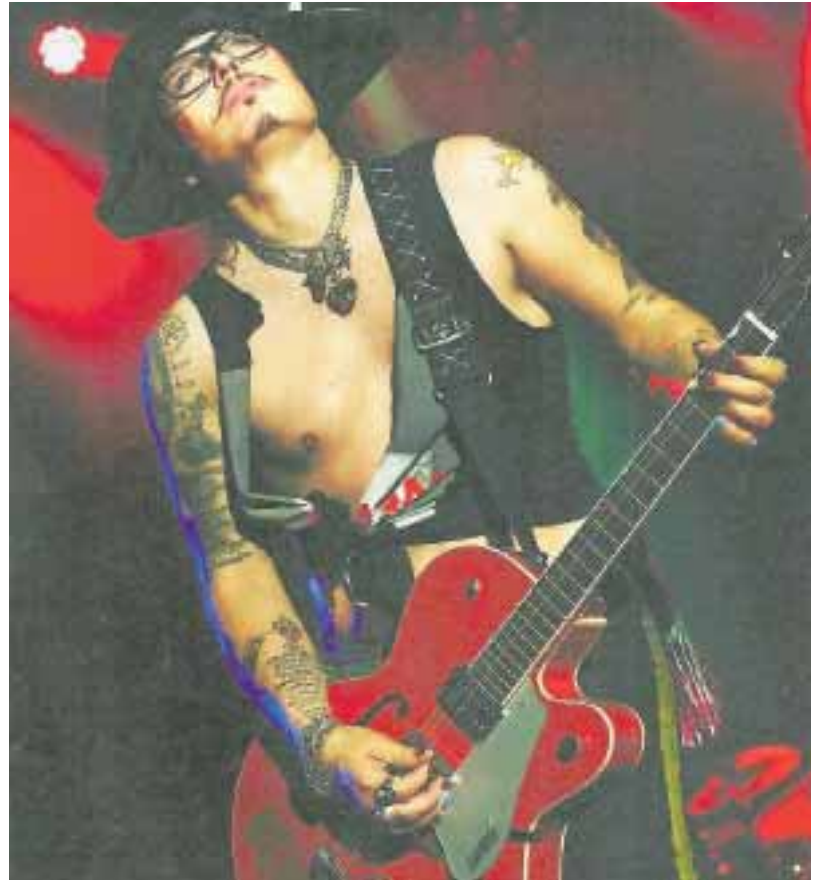
developing a small roster of artists on his own label is occupying his time. Not that his legacy doesn't reap rewards.

"I wrote the songs so they make money," he says. "I got Goody Two Shoes into Shrek 3 and that pays the rent for a year. Robbie Williams did a cover version of Ant Music, and that's the rent for another year."

He may be old school but he remains a compelling artist and one whose blend of styles and fashions continues to command an audience. Tunbridge Wells, you have been warned.

■ **Adam Ant plays at the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on Friday, December 2. Tickets are available by calling the box office on 01892 530613 or visit the website www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk for more details.**

■ **For an extended version of this interview, see www.yourtunbridgewells.co.uk.**



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ART

On the draw with nature

By Chris Britcher

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A SPECIAL one-off free event showcasing the natural world through artists' eyes comes to Tunbridge Wells Museum and Art Gallery next weekend.

The event will give visitors the chance to meet three professional artists and see their work based on the natural world – and an opportunity to draw items from the museum's natural history collection.

Artists John Wiltshire and Kathy Fox will be available at the special showing on Saturday, October 8, from 11am-4pm, to show their work and share drawing hints and tips.

Mr Wiltshire will be demonstrating how he creates his life-like insect drawings using an ordinary Biro and Mrs Fox will be showing some work from her recent exhibition at the Freud Museum in London.

There will also be a chance to meet Dawn Badland, the artist currently showing in the Ring Species exhibition in the art gallery, from 1-3pm.

Visitors to the museum on the day will also have the unique opportunity to do some drawing from objects which are normally kept in the museum store. Insects, fossils, animals and minerals will be available for visitors to draw first-hand.

There will also be a drawing trail for younger visitors, plus a range of different art materials for budding artists to experiment with.

The event is part of the national Big Draw cam-



NATURAL BEAUTY: Visitors will be able to try drawing objects from the museum's collection

paign which aims to get everyone drawing. The event runs from 11am-4pm. Entry is free. For more information visit www.tunbridgewellsmuseum.org or call 01892 554171.

CRIME

Community order for false benefits claims

A WOMAN from Tonbridge has received a 12-month community punishment order for fraudulently claiming more than £7,000 in benefits.

Wendy Nash, of Brickworks Close, pleaded guilty to three charges of benefit fraud at Sevenoaks Magistrates' Court on Tuesday, September 20, after claiming £7,105.77 in housing and council tax benefit as a single parent when in fact her partner was living with her.

The 46-year-old mother-of-two failed to tell Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council that her partner moved back in to the family home in 2008, and was told by the magistrate that because of her actions 'everyone else has to pay more tax'.

Nash was ordered to pay £262 in court costs. She was also sentenced to a 12-month community punishment order with a 12-month supervision order. Steps are being taken to recover the debt in full.

HISTORY

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CHARITY

Jam and Jerusalem star Sue shares her secrets for school

By Chris Britcher

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MORE than 120 people flocked to hear actress Sue Johnston in conversation with TV presenter Eamonn Holmes last Friday, as part of a fundraising event for a special school in Sevenoaks.

The star of such hits as Brookside, Jam and Jerusalem and the Royle Family spent the evening sharing stories from her new book – *Things I Couldn't Tell My Mother* – as part of a fundraising event for the New School at West Heath, near Sevenoaks.

Ms Johnston is a patron of the school and proceeds from the sale of her books on the night – which she signed – and ticket sales, went to



raise money for student bursaries.

She explained: "Each time I visit the school it heightens my determination

to help raise awareness of this amazing place and, more importantly, to raise funds to support the invaluable help they provide to children who suffer emotional damage through abuse, bereavement, bullying or other trauma.

"It was fantastic to have Eamonn at my side – we always have great fun together – and this event has been a huge success all round."

Sky's breakfast presenter Eamonn Holmes added: "I have to say how impressed I am with the school and all they do for their pupils."

"It's been great to see Sue again and I am certain that members of the audience can go home knowing they were able to get more than they bargained for."

FOR CHARITY: Sue Johnston and Eamonn Holmes were in conversation

CRIME

Scam metal collectors took pensioner's wallet

A GANG of four men knocked on a pensioner's door claiming to be collecting scrap metal – but swiped his wallet instead.

Now police are warning residents to be extra vigilant and not to let strangers into their house.

It follows the incident in Madan Road, Westerham, on Thursday, September 22.

The four men knocked on the elderly man's door on the pretext they were collecting scrap metal.

When three of the men went to the cellar with the victim to look for metal, the fourth man asked to use the toilet. But after the men had left, the homeowner discovered his wallet had been stolen.

Chief Inspector Pete Steenhuis from Kent Police said: "We would urge people to be cautious about approaches from strangers and

those cold calling at properties.

"Our advice is never let people you don't know, and are not expecting, into your home. Remember to stop, chain, check.

"Use the door bar or chain before you open the door and always ask to see identification. Check the caller is genuine by ringing the organisation they say they are from.

"If a caller is genuine they will understand and will not mind waiting. If you are worried call the police. It is particularly despicable that thieves will prey on people's kindness and hospitality."

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CHARITY

Thousands run rings around castle during charity triathlon race

By Chris Britcher

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THOUSANDS descended on Hever Castle at the weekend for the latest triathlon event.

The Castle Triathlon series' final event of the year saw 3,500 adults and children visit Anne Boleyn's childhood home, with competitors raising money for Help for Heroes and Jigsaw4u – a charity for young people coping with loss and trauma.

The event has grown dramatically since its conception in 2009 and attracted over 5,000 participants for this year's events, held at three castles in the UK and one in France.

Now in its third year, the Markel Hever Castle Triathlon is the third largest triathlon in the country and one of the



CHAMP: The Olympic distance race was won by David Bishop

ties competed, from first timers and families through to elite triathletes.

The Olympic distance, the longest of the six races, was won by David Bishop, with Mark Threlfall coming in second making him the 2011 Castle Triathlon Series champion. Mark Threlfall represents Great Britain internationally, most recently achieving bronze in the World Cross Triathlon Championships in Spain.

Triathletes started with an open-water swim in the 38-acre Hever Castle lake, followed by the cycle which took place on a 20km circuit through the High Weald of Kent, with one lap for the sprint and two for the Olympic distance. The runners circumnavigated the estate and castle grounds before making the dash to the finishing line beside the lake.

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CELEBRATIONS

Castle to be a beacon of joy for jubilee

By Chris Britcher

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TONBRIDGE Castle is set to shine a beacon of light from its roof to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next June.

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council confirmed this week it plans to install a church tower beacon on the roof of the castle as part of a national celebration to mark the monarch's 60th year on the throne.

It will be one of 2,012 beacons to be lit on June 4 across the UK to mark the occasion. The council is now seeking permission from English Heritage for the beacon to be put in place on the monument.

The Queen will light a national beacon on the anniversary date for the others to emulate. The Diamond Jubilee weekend runs from June 2-5. A special book listing all the beacon sites will then be presented to her.

The council's cabinet member for leisure, youth and arts, Maria Heslop, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for the community to embrace the country's heritage and educate others on the monarchy. I am extremely excited about the beacon project and look forward to hearing about some of the community events planned for the area over the next eight months."

The local authority is encouraging the community to celebrate the jubilee by attending the beacon lighting cere-



BEACON: If English Heritage give the OK, a beacon will be lit from the top of Tonbridge Castle to mark Queen's jubilee

mony at Tonbridge Castle or by holding one of their own events.

Snodland Town Council has already indicated it would like to join in with the festivities by lighting the existing beacon at Holly Hill.

The council also hopes to work with schools to use the beacon as a way of raising children's awareness of the historical role and significance of the mon-

archy. A competition, which is planned to run alongside the initiative, would see the winning child given the opportunity to light the town's beacon on the night of the celebrations.

Any organisation wishing to organise an event should contact Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council's leisure team on 01732 876166 or email leisure.services@tmhc.gov.uk.

Meanwhile, Sevenoaks Town Council is appealing for the community to come up with ideas of how best to mark the occasion in and around the town. It wants to know if people would support street parties, picnics or other events.

It is encouraging anyone with ideas to contact Michèle MacDonald, committee clerk of Sevenoaks Town Council, on council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk.



ROYALTY

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OPINION

Hands off teachers' pensions

John Walder of the NUT explains why government pension proposals are so unfair

CHANGES to teachers' pensions have drawn much attention in recent days, but many may not know the full story.

The Kent division of the National Union of Teachers, at its September meeting, expressed the concern of its members at the Government's attitude to teachers' pensions.

This is an area of concern for all teachers, including those who have already retired and seen the beginning of the decline in their pensions with the undiscussed, unnegotiated switch in the index link from RPI to CPI made in April this year which brought about a 1.4 per cent decrease in pension values.

Our concern took the form of a motion, put forward by our colleagues from the Gravesham Association of the Kent division. I recount some of it here: "In the summer, increases of around 20 per cent in our [pension] contributions were announced. The Government also made it clear that this represents only 40 per cent of

their intended increase. This, despite the Government's insistence that our protests are premature, because of ongoing negotiations.

"The issues involved in the Government's pension changes are well known and best summed up by our union's slogan: work longer – pay more – get less."

The motion explains the impact of these changes, with a career classroom teacher paying an extra £60,000-£70,000 in additional contributions, with the same amount again lost through the increase in pensionable age and the switch from RPI to CPI indexing.

The motion continues: "The Government argued changes to our pension were essential because of the financial crisis, that our pensions were simply unaffordable. But on the Today programme Evan Davies pointed out to Francis Maude that the Hutton Report, the Government's case for cutting our pensions, does not contain once, the word 'unaffordable'.

Maude was reduced to silence.

"Hutton helpfully stepped in, but in doing so revealed the truth. He now accepts that his report concludes that public service pensions are sustainable, affordability is a separate issue: 'I was trying to talk about sustainability. That can be measured as total cost proportion of GDP. Affordability is a different judgement, a political judgement.' (from www.leftfootforward.org).

"There is the key. The Government's claim that our pensions are no longer affordable is based on a political judgement, not the objective truth to which they pretend. By any objective measure our pensions are sustainable, affordable and reasonable."

Instead the Government now argues that our pensions are unfair because they are better than the private sector.

"It is hard to take such a claim seriously when one realises this difference has arisen because it is the private sector that has walked away from



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The issues are best summed up by our union's slogan: work longer – pay more – get less

reasonable pension provision... abandoning millions of workers to poverty in their old age."

The motion continues: "Average teacher pensions pitch teachers just outside much of the assistance from benefits. But private sector workers will collect smaller employment pensions and go on to claim income support and benefits.

"No-one should retire on a pension that requires them to claim benefits after a lifetime of hard work. But the truth is that taxpayers are subsidising inadequate private sector pensions through the benefit system.

"Teacher pensions are sustainable, properly-funded, and reducing in cost over the next 20 years. Private sector employee pensions are inadequate and condemn millions to poverty in old age.

"The Government should address this, rather than pursue this unreasonable and unjust attack on our pensions".

■ **John Walder is secretary of the Kent division of the NUT.**

KOS COMMENT

Labour must change approach to the past

FOR a party once so dominant at the polls, the Labour Party has had plenty of time recently to lick its wounds and ponder just where everything went wrong.

Unfortunately, it has found itself involved in the blame game - with all the fingers being pointed internally. From Blair to Brown to Miliband, one thing is clear, to provide a strong opposition it must pursue the future, not dig over the mistakes of the past.

Amid the doom and gloom the sun shone

JUST for a few days this week, the weather cut through the metaphorical doom and gloom which seems to surround us at the moment, to remind that there is more to life than chasing the next pound.

It may not have quite been the Indian summer touted at the start of the week, but there can be few things more likely to put a spring in our step than sunshine. Now, if it can just keep shining until 2015...

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The decisions must be local

IN your newspaper last week, Nigel Farage says I opposed Labour's housing targets imposed by the South East Regional Assembly and "campaigned ferociously" to give councils the ability to halt garden grabbing. He's right.

But he's wrong to say that is somehow hypocritical. I have always believed passionately that decisions should be made at the most local level possible – by the people who know their communities best.

The Localism Bill – by scrapping the regional targets, and putting local councils in charge – does what I have always campaigned for: it takes power away from bureaucracies and puts it in the hands of communities.

Greg Clark MP, House of Commons

I'm optimistic for new store

HOW good it was to read last week that Morrisons intends

to return to Tunbridge Wells. That site has been the most appalling advert for our beautiful town for anyone who exits the railway station from that direction.

It should also become a useful new attraction to the lower end of the town which, in turn, should have a beneficial knock-on effect to the local shopkeepers. Like MP Greg Clark I will be hoping they deliver on their promises after such a long wait.

Mrs J Turner, Rusthall

Send them to cinema site

AM I the only one who feels rather disappointed Morrisons is coming back? I rather had my hopes pinned on Waitrose – a store far more fitting for the town. Perhaps, instead, they may be tempted to set up shop alongside the Premier Inn on the cinema site?

K Benson, Tunbridge Wells

No freedom in these farms

I agree wholeheartedly with

Sara Starkey's letter last week 'Bitter taste of Freedom Food'.

Kate Parks, promoting Freedom Food, presents a different picture, but only gives half of it; the half which appeals to the public of course. That's what PR is all about.

Enter the 'bitter taste' side; the real conscience pricker. A few more details should prove helpful now.

May we know more about the 'strict standards' imported on Freedom Food farms please? Are these farms subject to regular inspections without prior notice, to ensure they are adhering to the required standards?

Rules are one thing, enforcing them is another. Moving on from life, happy or otherwise, to death and the traumatic lead up to it, are the same strict standards in place when the end draws nigh?

Step forward hell on Earth, the abattoirs. Who is supposed to monitor them? No-one apparently. They are a law unto themselves.

Look beyond the Freedom Food labels, and you may well discover "all that glitters is not gold".

Mary McNulty, Branchley

We can't all go vegetarian

WE live in a society where there is a tremendous demand for meat. Whole, local, industries rely on it.

Therefore should some of those who write into your newspaper every week not accept that? Each letter seems to call simply for everyone to go vegetarian; which is a rather extreme step to take.

I quite agree abattoirs must treat animals in a humane way – but campaigners need to acknowledge the animal goes in alive and will come out dead. That, to so many, is barbaric.

The RSPCA, one assumes, can only do so much. It does not make laws, nor does it have the power to give or withdraw contracts.

Name and address supplied

Birds need our protection

THE combination of two harsh winters and bird disease are contributing to the decline in

bird species in our region.

In my garden, my birdtable hosts sparrows, great tits and blue tits, starlings, a woodpecker as well as ground feeding collared doves and woodpigeons.

The bad winters have seriously reduced starling numbers. But many gardens have little of interest to birds as food.

Kent Green Party is concerned that proposed changes to planning law will add to problems by reducing bird habitats. One disease that first emerged in the UK in 2005 has caused a severe decline in the number of greenfinches and chaffinches, according to researchers.

The RSPB has issued warnings concerning hygiene of bird tables as an issue related to the spread of diseases amongst birds.

The British Trust for Ornithology has done important research in this area. Its findings show that during 1994-2009, there was a 28 per cent drop in farmland birds in the south east region, and a 19 per cent drop in woodland birds. This is far worse than in other regions.

Whilst it is good news that an expert panel is to investigate Kent's disappearing woodland birds, we need major improvements in habitat protection and increases in bird habitats to deal with the losses to various bird species.

No one would relish seeing birds once common in Kent and Medway only in a museum.

Dr Hazel Dawe, campaigns officer, Kent Green Party

Step out to help adoption

TO celebrate this year's National Adoption Week (October 31 – November 6) I am organising a sponsored walk at High Elms Country Park, Shire Lane, Farnborough on Saturday, October 29.

The walk will raise funds for the British Association for Adoption & Fostering (BAAF), who help find families for over 500 vulnerable children every year. There are 300 children in care in Bromley who deserve the same love and support as any child.

During National Adoption Week BAAF will be encouraging people to think about whether they could adopt a child or siblings in care who need a loving, permanent family.

Our sponsored walk is open to all families to come along and enjoy the great outdoors. There will be face painting, a raffle with great prizes, and a buggy-friendly trail, all while raising funds for a great cause. The event is being supported by businesses including Cannon Cars, Trespass and Cotswold Outdoor (Maidstone). All participants will receive a discount on shopping at Cotswold Outdoor and Trespass.

BAAF patron Nicky Campbell, who was adopted as a baby said: "Having walked the length of Ireland for BAAF I can thoroughly recommend a lovely stroll in the fresh autumn air for all the family which also supports this magnificent cause."

Adoption works for children. It can be challenging but it brings great joy. Most adoptive parents say the rewards are plentiful and the experience is life changing. Please call 020 7421 2629 or email audrey.cornelius@baaf.org.uk.

Audrey Cornelius, fundraising manager, BAAF

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Getting a mortgage with a small deposit

Q Do you know anything about the 100pc mortgages offered by Aldermore Bank, please? In particular, what are the drawbacks, if any? I ask because our son is finding it impossible to get a home loan, as he and his wife can only afford a deposit of about £20,000. Lenders will provide only about 75pc of the purchase price of a house or flat, which means all he can raise in total is roughly £80,000, which is not enough.

A The good news for homebuyers is that someone – anyone! – is actually offering 100pc mortgages. The bad news for homebuyers is that they come with more strings attached than a whole sorting office full of old-fashioned Christmas parcels. Let's start with the good bits. You may never have heard of Aldermore (www.aldermore-mortgages.co.uk), but it is a genuine bank, based in Peterborough, and fully licensed by the Financial Services Authority. This means that if you get into a dispute, you can go to the ombudsman. And if you are a saver, your money deposited with Aldermore is protected up to £85,000. The mortgage scheme launched by the bank recently charges interest at 6.48pc, fixed for the first three years, after which the rate is variable. And your son could borrow up to £250,000, repayable over 25 years, assuming he can afford the repayments. On the downside, getting a 100pc mortgage costs almost £1,300 in fees. And the scheme is aimed at over-25s, so younger house-hunters will have to look elsewhere or wait a while. But the biggest string attached to Aldermore's 100pc loans is the one that will bind you and your wife hand and foot for the next 10 years! For your son to get his 100pc loan, you must guarantee the repayments. If he defaults, you have to pay Aldermore. And if you default, then your own home is at risk as well as his. This guarantee would run for the first 10 years of your son's mortgage. After that, you can breathe easy and your son is on his own. In fact, the guarantee could end earlier if your son repays enough to bring the mortgage down to 75pc instead of 100pc. Aldermore is the first British bank to dip a toe in these waters all the way. Similar schemes have demanded a deposit. But unless property prices fall sharply, it could be the shape of home loans for the future, particularly for first-time buyers. It will be interesting to see if Aldermore succeeds and if other banks follow suit.

Q I inherited a significant sum in shares from an Irish relative. The dividends are paid and taxed in euros, and then taxed again in this country. I would like to put the shares into a British tax-free Isa. Can I

TONY HETHERINGTON
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arrange this myself, or do I have to use an existing firm that provides Isas?

A I am afraid you face a double difficulty. None of us is allowed to run our own tax-exempt Individual Savings Account. We all have to go to an Isa manager licensed by HM Revenue. Managers include banks, building societies, insurance companies, financial advisers, and even some supermarkets that offer savings schemes. They make sure investors do not try to sidestep tax by putting in more than the permitted annual amount. But even if you did go to a licensed manager, you would still not be able to transfer your shares into an Isa. The Isa can only hold shares that the manager has bought on your behalf, and not shares that you inherited or received in a windfall. The only exception to this rule is shares received under an employee share scheme. I am afraid you will have to choose an Isa manager, ask for your shares to be sold, and then – if you like those shares – ask the manager to buy them for you. But remember, you are only allowed to invest up to £10,680 this year.

Q I have a small annuity from an old pension policy. As my wife and I divorced last year, am I entitled to stop her inheriting the annuity on my death?

A Most couples deal with pension rights as part of their divorce settlement. If your agreement did not cover your annuity, then a lot depends on the small print. If the policy names your wife as a beneficiary, it is unlikely you can change this now. However, if it simply says that your annuity will pass to any wife who survives you, then you may not need to change anything, as you no longer have a wife. But play safe. Ask the pension company, or even your solicitor.

■ **If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. We regret that neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.**

Heat is on to keep fuel bills down

SPIRALLING energy bills and a smattering of predictions of another harsh winter mean that keeping your energy spend down is more important than ever.

As the spectre of fuel poverty looms large for thousands of people, householders are working out how to reduce their bills where possible.

Beyond switching suppliers, there are some practical steps to take in the home.

Although it can produce quite a lot of noise while being installed, cavity-wall insulation harnesses the heat generated in the home meaning substantial savings on energy bills. The benefits can be felt instantly.

A specialist installer should always be sought for this type of job so ensure you choose a member who is Cavity Insulation Guarantee Agency (CIGA) qualified.

Draught stripping, where specialist strips of foam are installed around windows and doors, will significantly reduce draughts and air permeation in your home, helping to retain the heat and saving you money.

Costing around £50-£80 depending on whether you install it yourself or not, draught-stripping can save up to £20 per year for a gas-heated semi-detached house.

Consider replacing your boiler if it is old and inefficient.

This can be a big financial hit, but should pay off. A bit of simple home-



COSY AT A COST: With a cold winter forecast and the rising cost of energy the pressure is on for householders to keep bills down by taking practical steps.

work will tell you how many years it will take before the investment starts to be worthwhile.

Trade-in incentives are still available for this kind of purchase; check the funding database on the Energy Saving Trust website.

Loft insulation and pipe cladding should also be considered as energy saving measures.

Peter Bolton King, chief executive of the National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA), said: "It is important that homeowners are aware of the options available to them when

looking to make their homes warmer this winter.

"With bills on the rise, these measures can make a real difference, as well as having the welcome side-effect of increasing the carbon efficiency of their property.

"Many of these measures can be applied on different scales, and for this reason whilst doing DIY is very admirable, we urge any homeowner to seek the advice of professionals when looking to install energy and heat saving measures in the home."

Pay attention to your policy details

By Ed Foss

MyMoney24 writer

PLANNING your car insurance around the dangers posed by uninsured drivers may be attractive to some drivers, but make sure you are aware of what you are buying.

Nearly one-fifth of motor insurance policies offer policyholders enhanced protection if hit by an uninsured driver.

In 17pc of cases, comprehensive car insurance policies will protect a policyholder's no claims discount and not apply an excess if they are involved in an accident caused by an uninsured driver.

This has increased from 13pc of policies in 2009.

Some 18pc of policies will not apply an excess in these circumstances, a figure which has grown from 10pc in the same period.

But the Defaqto analysis comes with an associated warning for motorists – to pay close attention to policy details to ensure it is clear what the policy covers and what are the exact conditions.

tion for accidents caused by uninsured drivers.

"However, it is also true to say that a relatively limited proportion of policies offer this feature, and most apply fairly stringent criteria when it comes to making a claim under this area of cover.

"As always, people should seek to match what they need from car insurance with the features that different policies provide when comparing what is available on the market – although important, price should never be the main reason for choosing a policy.

"As for many areas, when it comes to uninsured driver benefit, given the still limited and variable nature of cover available, taking time to understand the policy details could pay dividends in the long-run.

"In particular, motorists need to understand what protection a policy would provide in these circumstances and any restrictions they would face on making a claim."

Drivers are now known to value protection against uninsured drivers more highly than ever before – presumably a reflection of the large numbers of uninsured drivers on our roads and the increased media attention focused on this danger.

What policyholders need to bear in mind is that the majority of motor insurance policies that provide this enhanced protection against uninsured drivers require certain details to be provided in the event of a claim, including vehicle details and the uninsured driver's name and address.

The very nature of uninsured driving may make these details difficult to come by.

Mike Powell, Defaqto's insight analyst for general insurance, said: "Our research has found that a growing number of motor insurance policies offer enhanced protec-

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Optimism rising as companies are expecting an increase in turnover

By Nick Ames

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BUSINESSES in the South East continue to feel affected by economic uncertainty and market volatility but are more confident about their own prospects than that of the wider economy over the next 12 months.

According to new research by Clydesdale Bank, more than half (58 per cent) of the businesses questioned in the South East expected to increase turnover by more than 5 per cent in the year ahead, despite less than a quarter (24 per cent) being confident the economy would return to healthy growth.

Despite their concerns about the economy, 46 per cent were planning to invest at least 5 per cent of their turnover back into their business in the next 12 months, with priorities being new staff, equipment, training existing employees and developing new products and services.

The most pressing concerns are support for research-and-development costs and fluctuating fuel prices, with 26.5 per cent and 25 per cent citing these issues as the key factors in their businesses' future growth.

Will Lindsay, regional director for Clydesdale Bank, said: "Businesses are clearly more confident and in control of their own destiny than they are for the wider economy, despite the impact of rising fuel and materials prices.



OPTIMISTIC:

Clydesdale Bank's Will Lindsay

"Our research highlighted what businesses in the south feel will help them and the economy, with increased consumer spending and confidence (20.6 per cent) and low interest rates and

the strength of the pound (both 20 per cent) coming out as the key drivers to economic growth.

"It is inevitable that there will continue to be bumps in the road to recovery, but businesses should continue to focus on their strengths."

Across the industries nationally, IT and telecoms businesses appear to be the most confident, with more than half (51 per cent) expecting increased turnover of at least 5 per cent in the next 12 months. Healthcare and education businesses are the least confident, with only 32 per cent and 23 per cent respectively expecting similar growth.

This is mirrored in their investment intentions, with 59 per cent of IT and telecoms businesses planning to invest at least 5 per cent of turnover back into the business compared with only 27 per cent of education-focused businesses.

Lindsay said: "Clydesdale Bank is working with hundreds of companies which have the confidence to invest. Our commitment to supporting trading businesses is stronger than ever and we continue to attract growing numbers of owner-managed small and medium-sized businesses plus mid-corporates. Good businesses with strong management and robust business plans will generally find support.

"This is evidenced by the fact we recently met our promise, three months ahead of schedule, to deliver our two-year pledge to advance £10 billion of new lending to customers."

PROMOTION

Small firms missing out on social media

THE county's businesses are missing out on the chance to generate income through social media, says a new study.

Despite having access to a wealth of social media channels, no small or medium enterprises in Kent which took part in a recent survey use the likes of LinkedIn or Twitter to generate new business prospects.

The study by TalkTalk Business was conducted to see how much SMEs in Kent embraced social media and gained from its business benefits.

A total of 38 per cent of SMEs in Kent are not confident using social media – with the North East (69 per cent) the most confident.

Paul Lawton, of TalkTalk Business, said: "Social media can prove invaluable as a new business tool and so it's worrying to see that so few SMEs in Kent are embracing it.

"Benefits range from being able to engage and understand the needs of customers and prospects through to gaining insights into target markets and perceptions of your organisation."

BAKERY

Sisters combine business and play with parties for children

TWO sisters are aiming to inject some creative fun into children's birthdays with the launch of their innovative cupcake-decorating party business.

Anna Hinde and Gemma Hawkins launched Eden Bakery in Sittingbourne at the end of June and since then the orders have been flying in for the sisters' handcrafted cupcakes, made fresh to order.

And now the pair have decided to turn their cupcake-baking and making skills into a party theme for children, encouraging them to be as colourful and creative as they like.

Anna said: "The idea for

the children's cupcake-decorating parties came after a friend said she wanted to throw one for her daughter but didn't have the time to organise it. Gemma and I stepped in to help, and it's snowballed from there."

Gemma said: "Children love baking and getting messy and we can help the birthday girl or boy decorate their own cakes."

The parties are aimed at children aged five to 12. Each child has four ready-made cakes to decorate and take away (no baking required for busy mums) and Eden Bakery provides coloured-buttercream icing and decorations.

INHERITANCE

We're driven to leave something for the kids

BUSINESSES in the South East are focusing on the next generation, with almost a fifth (19 per cent) of owners planning to build their company as an inheritance for family members, according to research from Santander Corporate Banking.

The research underlines the importance of family-run firms to the economy – a recent study on behalf of the Unquoted Companies Group estimates some 21 per cent of all UK workers are employed by family-run firms.

Companies say being able to pass on a legacy is a strong motivating force in business.

Santander's nationwide study also revealed firms in the South East are highly committed to expanding their businesses in the long term – with about 80 per cent of owners citing their ultimate business aim as ensuring their business has a long-term future.

Carlos Portela, divisional managing director for the South East at Santander Corporate Banking, said: "Being able to pass on an inheritance to the next generation is powerful motivation."

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RECYCLING



Sweet smell of success for new eco partnership

ECOSAN is the first Kent business to offer sanitary, nappy and incontinence recycling by working in partnership with Knowaste, the UK's first-ever facility for recycling nappies.

The Ashford company was founded by husband-and-wife team Carl and Sonja Wood in 2007 to offer green solutions for sanitary and nappy disposal and water supplies.

Sonja said: "We divert 98 per cent of all sanitary and nappy waste from landfill. Other suppliers choose to landfill nappies, which take 500 years to break down, or use incineration facilities. We're delighted to be first to offer this cost-effective, environmentally-safe, recycling solution."

"In the UK, more than one million tonnes of AHP waste is generated annually, much of which is landfilled, a significant amount of which is produced by the commercial sector."

"We're determined to reduce this figure while helping cut our customers' carbon output and saving them money."

Roy Brown, of Knowaste, said: "Through developing partnerships with green suppliers such as EcoSan to tackle recycling AHP waste, we are able to help both commercial operators and local authorities to cut carbon emissions, increase recycling and divert waste from landfill."

SUSTAINABILITY

Green projects come up trumps for 'golden' hotel

THE Ashford International Hotel has been awarded the prestigious Gold Accreditation by the Green Tourism Business Scheme (GTBS), the national sustainable tourism certification programme.

Projects undertaken by the hotel include the installation of an electric-car-charging station to enable owners of Tesla electric cars to charge their vehicles, use of a Sea-V water-infiltration system in association with charity Pump Aid Africa, recycling used coffee grounds as fertiliser for the newly-created kitchen garden and recycling of glass bottles, paper and cardboard from all bedrooms, conference suits and restaurants.

The hotel also helped support a family fun day for Friends of the William Harvey Hospital to help raise funds for a digital mammography machine, donated Easter eggs to Demelza House Children's Hospice and participated in the Can't See The Wood For The Trees project carried out by local artist Cathy Streeter as part of the Revealing Ashford arts festival.

Deirdre Billing, general manager at the hotel, said: "As well as our community initiatives, our conference carbon offsetting package gives delegates the chance to offset the carbon they use at the hotel to benefit carbon-reduction projects worldwide."

Online training scheme a Yummy idea for pubs



PULLING POWER: The team from Yummy Pub Co celebrate winning The Publicans Award for Best British Pub in 2010

By Joe Bill

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AN INDEPENDENT local business has started a management-training academy for the next generation of publicans and landlords.

The Yummy Pub Co, which owns The Grove Ferry Inn, near Canterbury, and The Wiremill Inn, near East Grinstead, has developed a full training package for ambitious individuals looking to start a career in the British pub trade.

The company was set up in 2007 by four individuals who loved the pub trade and wanted to help rejuvenate struggling venues. The business slogan is 'More than just a pub' and the pubs they have taken on are definitely that.

The Wiremill has won three national awards in the last two years, including the Publicans Award for Britain's Best Pub, while The Grove

Ferry, which was acquired in late 2009, won the regional award for best leased pub at The Morning Advertiser Awards.

Anthony Pender, founding partner of the business, said: "It was important to develop a top team at all of our sites to make sure both the service received by guests and the food offered was second to none and great value for money. Over time this has morphed into our very own Yummy Academy."

The business has already developed four members of staff through to pub managers and is now looking to recruit new ambitious team-members who want to make their way in the industry.

The training has been developed into seven stages using a groundbreaking online system, created in partnership with CPL Training.

The online facility allows each member of the team to log on and track their own progress

while they complete a number of online courses. The training starts before team-members even start the job as they go for both health-and-safety and food-safety certificates.

This is followed by workshops and work-based training, including courses in customer service, leadership, basic accounting and food knowledge. By the end of the seven stages the individual will be able to run a busy successful pub and manage a strong team.

The Yummy Pub Co is open for applicants, with training positions available at both the Grove Ferry and Wiremill, with additional positions available at a new site in central London, which includes accommodation. Individuals have the opportunity to train in front of house or kitchen management.

Applicants should apply via the website www.yummypubco.wordpress.com.

Channel chamber gives its support to airports growth

AIRPORT development can help the economy of east Kent to grow, the Channel Chamber of Commerce is claiming.

Chief executive Peter Hobbs says he is behind plans to expand operations at both Manston and Lydd airports.

"This week saw the end of the public inquiry reviewing the multi-million investment plans for developing Lydd airport," he said.

"At the same time, only 40 miles away, Manston airport is anxiously awaiting permission for night-flights that will help transform it into a viable regional airport."

"Both of these commercial airports have clearly demonstrated the economic and job-creation benefits of their plans and Kent Channel

Chamber and its members are solidly behind both developments.

"Anyone who has lived in east Kent for all or part of the past 50 years will know how valuable visitors are to our local economy – by land sea or air."

"Ironically, while the economic climate continues to struggle, there is very positive evidence that the east Kent coastal towns and villages are benefiting from many more visitors from both the UK and abroad."

"We should never forget just how attractive east Kent is as a key transport hub which includes two cross-Channel ferry ports, two international airports, Eurotunnel and, not least, the new high-speed rail link."

AWARDS

Environmental concerns shine through in review

THE new Best Western Dover Marina Hotel and Spa has achieved a Silver Grading at its first inspection by the Green Tourism Business Scheme.

Employees say the award reflects their concern in achieving environmentally-concerned targets and save on waste products.

To achieve a grading from the scheme, an organisation must have a strong environmental policy together with procedures and a plan in place to minimise energy consumption.

Part of this plan includes buying provisions and other necessary items locally wherever possible.

Positivity is driving up recruitment

By Nick Ames

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DESPITE economists' growing fears that the world economy is heading on a downward spiral, local businesses remain optimistic about the year ahead, which is helping to drive recruitment activity across South East.

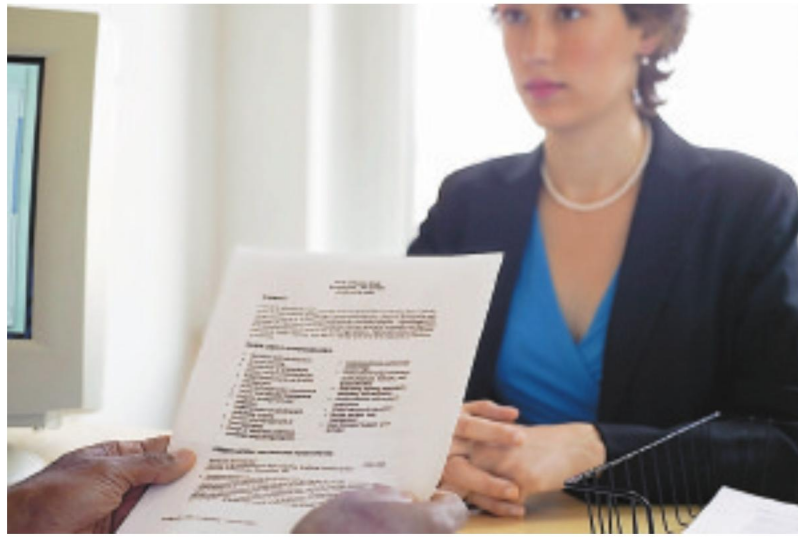
Figures show that two-thirds of companies – 66 per cent – are currently recruiting at similar levels to before the recession, compared with just 48 per cent in Q1 of 2011.

And, according to the fourth Tracking UK Recruitment quarterly report by professional staffing recruitment consultancy Barclay Meade, the number of companies in the South East operating under a recruitment freeze also fell for the fourth consecutive quarter, down from 17 per cent in Q4 2010 to 10 per cent in the first half of this year.

The report, which aims to provide insight into the effects of the current economic climate on the recruitment strategies of medium and large organisations in the UK, confirms a growing sense of buoyancy among businesses.

Despite the latest GDP figures revealing the UK economy grew by only 0.2 per cent in the three months to June, almost three-quarters of firms in the South East – 71 per cent – claim they are "optimistic" or "very optimistic" about business performance over the next 12 months.

Barclay Meade's report also reveals firms in the South East are looking to fill vacancies across all areas of their business. Almost a third, 31 per cent, are looking to fill administrative roles, with



NEW STAFF WANTED: Two-thirds of companies say they are now recruiting at pre-recession levels

29 per cent seeking middle managers and 24 per cent looking to recruit to senior managerial positions. However, according to the report by Barclay Meade – part of the AIM-listed recruitment business Matchtech Group PLC – candidates' skill shortages continues to be the biggest recruitment challenge for 29 per cent of firms in

the South East, a concern for education providers given that four out of 10 firms are recruiting at graduate or entry level.

Employers in the South East also vented their frustration at how many potential employees look far better on paper than they do in practice, with almost half, 45 per cent, failing to live up

to expectations when it comes to the interview stage. Firms in the South East identified rising fuel prices and the threat of a double-dip recession as the two factors most likely to have the biggest negative impact on recruitment strategies over the next 12 months, suggesting employers in the region fear circumstances beyond their control are likely to impact on the fragile recovery in the domestic economy.

Anton Roe, director at Barclay Meade, said: "Recruitment continues to be a contentious issue for many organisations across the UK, but our report clearly shows South East businesses continue to respond well to ongoing economic challenges as the number of firms operating under a recruitment freeze falls for the fourth consecutive quarter.

"It will be interesting to see in the next report if business-leaders maintain this level of hiring throughout the remainder of the year as financial markets in the US and eurozone come under increasing pressure and fears of a double-dip recession rise.

"For now, it is encouraging to see an increase in the demand for job candidates in the South East, with employers looking to fill vacancies across the business. This will provide hope to staff affected by the Government's austerity measures that are gradually entering the job market.

"Competition for roles among candidates is increasingly keen, but the upshot of this is that employers will be able to consider individuals who have precisely the level of experience required to fill vacancies."

New understanding set to show firms why they should Locate in Kent

THE county's many business strengths are set to reach a wider audience after investment promotion agency Locate in Kent signed a landmark agreement with UK Trade and Investment (UKTI).

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will see Locate in Kent become UKTI's sole point of contact in the county and is aimed at securing maximum levels of overseas investment for Kent.

The investment specialists signed the deal in order to further bolster its working relationship after Regional Development Agencies – previously used as an intermediary between the organisations – were abolished.

Paul Wookey, chief executive at Locate in Kent, said: "The MoU will be of benefit to us and UKTI and will lead to a much closer working relationship both in London and overseas than we already enjoy.

"The agreement gives us access to a pipeline of projects that may be suited to Kent and enable us to access UKTI exper-



BENEFIT: Paul Wookey says the agreement will boost the county's working relationship with London and overseas

tise to hone our proposition to overseas companies.

"We can now also assist UKTI in providing more in-depth responses to leads they secure, presenting a more complete response to companies interested in relocating and expanding in Kent.

"The MoU is of particular relevance now as we continue to work closely with UKTI and other partner organisations to find buyers and occupiers for Discovery Park, the Pfizer site, which has recently gained Enterprise Zone status."

A UKTI spokesman said: "Through signing this MoU, Locate in Kent will gain access to the national pipeline of leads and a range of support from us for existing leads, including support for local proposition development and benchmarking, greater efficiency in targeting, and high-level support.

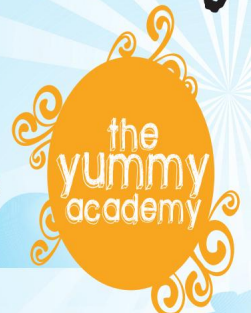
"This offers Kent the opportunity to achieve greater investment from overseas and improve the county's offer through more compelling local inputs and by better utilising existing knowledge of local assets and capabilities, which can be put forward to clients.

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Skills course for underprivileged

A COURSE aimed at helping disadvantaged teenagers achieve future business success is being held this week.

The five-day Youth Leadership Summit starts on Monday, October 3, at Grosvenor Hall in Ashford, and is run by the Knowledge to Action Foundation.

Throughout the week the teenagers will be mentored by various industry experts focusing on a range of personal development techniques across the areas of health, relationships, wealth, leadership and learning.

A number of team-building exercises will also be utilised, such as climbing and zip-lining.

"The Knowledge to Action Foundation has raised significant sums of money for charities such as Barnardo's and the Ubuntu Education Fund but we want to be a hands-on initiative as well," said founder Greg Secker.

"We are in the fantastic position of being able to enhance the lives of children, giving them opportunities and learning tools they wouldn't otherwise have access to until later in life."

Career boost for AXA apprentices

TUNBRIDGE Wells-based health insurance company AXA PPP Healthcare has recruited nine apprentices as part of a programme developed with K College.

The new recruits were chosen from 166 applicants and will be employed within the firm's customer service team for 11 months while also working towards several relevant qualifications including Key Skills and City & Guilds certificates.

They will then be able to consider moving onto other roles in the company, such as in marketing, IT, finance, sales, and HR.

Membership and people director Sonia Wolsey Cooper said: "At AXA PPP Healthcare, providing the best support to our members through excellent customer service is at the heart of our business."

"Our customer service apprenticeship programme provides a fantastic chance for talented individuals who have an appetite for success to acquire the experience that can ultimately open doors to a world of opportunity."

Master craftsmen reap fruits of labour

By Steve Knight

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THE quality of Kent apprenticeships was clear for all to see when two dedicated tradesmen picked up awards at Britain's biggest skills competition.

Michael Chalmers, 21, who trains at K College and works for Folkestone-based JCL Decorating and Building Services, took home a gold medal in the painting and decorating category at the annual SkillBuild event, while 37-year-old Folkestone resident Rupert Davis won a silver in stonemasonry.

The competition saw both trainees battle it out with other competitors at an intense three-day final which took place at Leeds College of Building.

Scoring top marks in his category, Michael was also awarded the title of Apprentice Decorator of the Year and presented with a trophy and cheque for £1,000 as a result.

"I couldn't believe it, it was brilliant," he said. "I knew I'd done well but I thought some of the other competitors had done better than me so I was absolutely amazed to be called up to the stage to collect my prize."

"I'm really grateful to everyone who's supported me, especially my tutor Bruce Kerney at K College. I would never have entered this competition if it wasn't for him, so I hope he's really proud of what I've achieved."

"It's a great competition and I've really enjoyed it. I just want to keep learning more and developing new skills to be the best I can be, and hopefully go far in the industry."

SkillBuild – which is managed by the sector skills council and industry training board CITB-ConstructionSkills – saw more than 100 talented tradesmen and women compete for

the top spot in their respective lines of work.

The competitors made it through to the UK final after achieving the highest scores at 15 regional heats held across the UK between March and May.

They were marked on the essential skills needed to work in the sector, including following detailed instructions, producing accurate work outputs, being economical with materials, and working to strict timescales.

Both Michael and Rupert now stand a chance of representing the UK at the next WorldSkills competition due to take place in Leipzig, Germany, in 2013. A number of winners from previous SkillBuild competitions will be taking part in the WorldSkills event due to be held this week in London.

CITB deputy chair Judy Lowe said: "We are extremely proud of all the trainees who competed at the UK final. The high level of talent and skill we have seen is testament to the solid foundations laid by organisations such as ourselves, industry employers and training providers, and we are grateful for the continued support of the competition."

"SkillBuild demonstrates the huge talent and ability of those young people working within the industry, showcasing the professionalism of the sector as a whole and helping to encourage new blood into the industry."



TALENTED: Rupert Davis, 37, won a silver award in stonemasonry at the contest

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Criminal behaviour at university's new centre of forensic psychology

THE University of Kent has opened a new Centre of Research and Education in Forensic Psychology.

Police, MPs, criminologists, psychologists and members of the probation and prison services were among the 200 guests invited to the day-long launch event.

It involved a programme of presentations, talks and symposiums on topics ranging from street gangs, corporate crime and sexual harassment,

to stalking, arson and forensic uses of face perception.

Centre director Dr Theresa Gannon described the subject as a "modern branch of psychology that seeks to understand the psychological processes underlying offending behaviour, victim responses to offending, the mechanisms underlying the criminal justice system more generally, and attitudes to offenders and offender re-integration in society".

She added: "The main aim

of the centre is to conduct high-impact psychological research to further understand key forensic issues of social significance and lead to cutting-edge teaching and research opportunities for post-graduate students."

Subjects currently being researched by forensic psychologists at the university include bullying in prisons, jury decision-making, female sex offending, aggression and alcohol, and rape.

Kitchen battle for ambitious young chefs

SECONDARY school children are being urged to cook up a storm by competing for the third annual Kent Young Chef Award.

The competition challenges youngsters in years seven to 11 to devise and write an original main course recipe using autumnal and Kentish ingredients.

Celebrity chef Richard Phillips and a panel of judges will be at the live cook-off final on Friday, November 25, which will be held at the View Restaurant at K College's Tonbridge campus.

The Kent Young Chef Award is the brainchild of local food and drink champion Produced in Kent and is aimed at encouraging secondary school children back into the kitchen.

Produced in Kent manager Julie Monkman said: "With Kent Young Chef Award entering its third year we have a huge groundswell of support from our sponsoring companies and secondary school food technology departments, who have applauded what Produced in Kent is doing.

"Kent Young Chef Award has not only raised young people's awareness of the fantastic array of produce grown here in the Garden of England, it has also seen hundreds of children creating original recipes and creatively cooking again.

"For those who have made it to the live final it has proved a life-changing experience, with several of our finalists now pursuing a career as a chef."

The authors of the eight best recipes will travel to K College for the live cook-off, with all



JUDGE: Richard Phillips will be at the cook-off

receiving a host of prizes including a mini-chef experience and lunch at one of Richard Phillips' restaurants, a Kent Young Chef Award apron, and a framed certificate.

Their recipes will also all be published on the Produced in Kent website.

The two winners of the junior and senior titles will be presented with a trophy each and a hamper packed with local Kentish produce. They will also have the chance to design a three-course menu and be treated as guests of honour at Woods in Tunbridge Wells.

Email your entry to youngchef@wacpr.com before Friday, October 28.

University given a Baseline as magazine celebrates student links

THE close working relationship between Baseline magazine and the University for the Creative Arts is the subject of a new exhibition.

Over the last 17 years, Baseline – the international typography publication – has employed 20 students and graduates from UCA Maidstone's visual communication and illustration courses.

The new exhibition, which will be held at the campus' George Rodger Gallery from

October 10 to November 4, will be free of charge and open to the public.

Baseline magazine's editor Hans Reichert said: "The relationship with UCA Maidstone has been hugely beneficial.

"We have worked with some incredibly talented and skilled people over the years, and their contribution to the editorial design and layout of the magazine has been invaluable.

"During their stay at Baseline, the students experienced

first-hand contact with our high-profile contributors such as Arnold Schwartzman, Alan Fletcher, Adrian Frutiger, Ken Garland, David Gentleman, Ivan Chermayeff, David Carson, Neville Brody, Sir Terence Conran and best-selling author Steven Heller.

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An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Preston Court, Preston, Canterbury**
 Applicant: **Michael List-Brain**
 Name of Premises: **Tor Spa Retreat, Wickham Lane, Ickham, Canterbury**
 Applicant: **Ky Wilkinson**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT
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As required by Section 14 of the Audit Commission Act 1988 the Statement of Accounts will be open to the inspection of any local government elector of the Borough who may make a copy of it or of an extract from it.

22 September 2011

Lee M. Colyer CPA
 Head of Finance & Governance (s151 Officer)
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY
COMMONS ACT 2006 - SECTION 15(1)

APPLICATION TO REGISTER LAND KNOWN AS
GRASMERE PASTURES AT WHITSTABLE AS A TOWN
OR VILLAGE GREEN

Notice is hereby given that the Public Inquiry into the above matter, which commenced on Monday 5th September 2011, has been adjourned and will resume on:

Monday 31st October 2011 at 10.00am

at Whitstable Castle, Tower Hill, Whitstable, Kent CT5 2BW

A copy of the Inspector's Directions (dated 24th May 2011), as well as the further Directions of the Inspector (dated 5th September 2011), setting out the procedure to be followed for the submission of evidence and the format that the Public Inquiry will take is available on the County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/villagegreens.

For further enquiries, please contact Miss Melanie McNeir on 01622 221628.

PROW - Borough of Gravesham

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO
TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH NG1

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NG1)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1),
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath NG1 (south of Denton Wharf) between NGR TQ 664 742 and NGR TQ 665 743 from the 22nd September 2011

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 1st December 2011

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is via Mark Lane and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact:
 Alison Andreasen

PROW - Borough of Swale

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO
TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATHS
ZS13 (PART), ZS20 AND ZS46 (PART),
IN THE PARISH OF MINSTER ON SEA
PUBLIC FOOTPATHS ZS13 (PART), ZS20 AND
ZS46 (PART), MINSTER ON SEA
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 sections 16A -

16C as inserted by the Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1994 and amended by The Kent County Council (Filming On Highways) Act 2010

Kent County Council has temporarily closed:

Public Footpath ZS13 (Part) between NGR TQ 938 678, 120 metres south of Kings Hill Farm, and NGR TQ 935 669, junction with Public Footpath ZS20,

Public Footpath ZS20, between NGR TQ 928 677, junction with Public Bridleway ZS21 and NGR TQ 935 669, junction with Public Footpath ZS13 at the access to the former Elmley Ferry crossing, and

Public Footpath ZS46 (part), between NGR TQ 940 675, junction with private track, and NGR TQ 936 672, junction with Public Footpath ZS13 from the 20 September 2011.

The paths will be closed for a maximum of ten days. The Secretary of State for Transport has consented to this extended closure period. It is expected that they will reopen on 29 September 2011.

The paths are to be closed to enable the making of a film.

The alternative route is via Public Bridleway ZS21, part of Public Footpath ZS13 and private track to join Public Footpath ZS46 and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Michael Ellis

PROW - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO
TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH WT254
IN THE PARISH OF PADDOCK WOOD

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH WT254)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath WT254, between the junction with Public Footpath WT253 (NGR TQ 676 452) and the junction with Church Road / The Cedars from the 23rd September 2011.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 25th September 2011.

The path is to be closed because works to lay electrical services are planned on or near it.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact Jonathan Bibby

Countryside Access Service
 Kent County Council
 Invicta House
 County Hall
 Maidstone
 Kent
 ME14 1XX

Dated: 2nd October 2011

The above notice(s) may be provided in other formats

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 Kent Countryside Access Service,
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 or visit www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess



NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
PLANNING PERMISSION
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

KCC/DO/0402/2011 - Proposed development
at Whitfield Household Waste Recycling Centre and
Transfer Station, Honeywood Road, Whitfield, Dover,
Kent, CT16 3EH.

Kent County Council Waste Management are applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for improvements to layout of the Whitfield Household Waste Recycling Centre incorporating a small modular welfare office and an extension of hard-standing.

You may view this application at Dover District Council, Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ.

KCC/TM/0371/2011 - Proposed development
at Hermitage Quarry, Hermitage Lane, Aylesford,
Kent, ME20 7PX.

Gallagher Aggregates Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for the variation of conditions 1 and 3 of planning permission reference TM/08/2706 to allow retention of the former concrete batching plant for use as a secondary or back up plant in the location identified in the application until completion of quarrying at the site.

KCC/TM/0403/2011 - Proposed development
at New Hythe Lane, Aylesford, Kent
(Former SCA Packaging Ltd Site).

Aylesford Metals Company is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for development of a metals recycling facility.

You may view both these applications at Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/planning or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons.

Sharon Thompson
 Head of Planning
 Applications Group
 Kent County Council
 Dated: 2 October 2011



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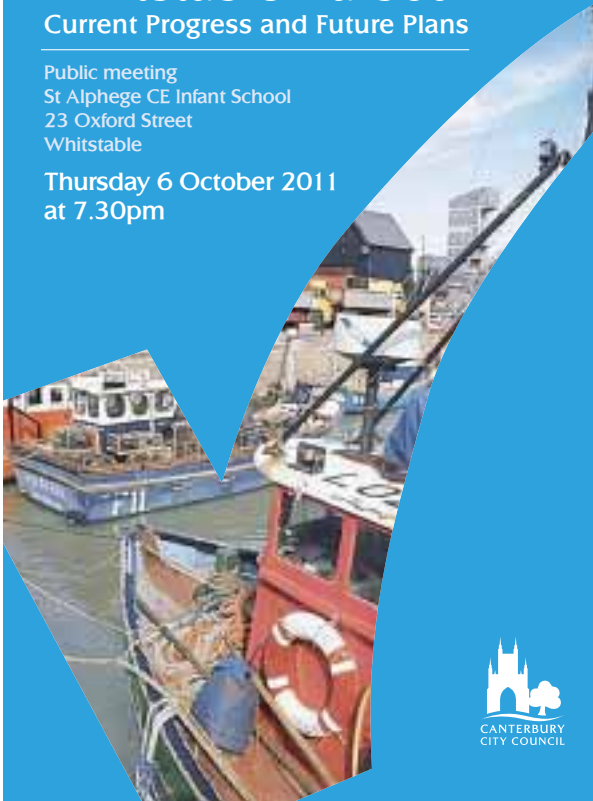
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Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

- 11/02678/FUL** **Hopbine Inn Petteridge Lane, Branchley**
- Retrospective - 2m x 2.5m umbrella on front patio (LB)
- 11/02744/HOUSE** **Winchmore Branchley Road, Branchley**
- Removal of half built double garage and replacement with timber framed 3 bay garage and log store (LB)
- 11/02777/FULMJ** **Stables Bank Farm, Capel**
- Erection of a covered sand school, formation of outdoor sand school, manure barn and new stables within existing barn (LB) (MAJOR) (PROW)
- 11/02640/FUL** **Three Chimneys Hareplain Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Guest and staff facilities in purpose built accommodation with reception office (LB)
- 11/02702/LBC** **Ashleigh The Hill, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Installation of colour-coded aluminum secondary glazing to front 4 windows (LB)
- 11/02794/FUL** **Turnden Hartley Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Demolition of existing former chicken building and construction of an additional warehouse for wine storage (LB)
- 11/02757/HOUSE** **65 London Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**
- Removal of existing extension with roof terrace, erection of spiral stair to access first floor, minor internal alterations and construction of garden wall with associated landscaping. Re-roofing of property (LB) (CA)
- 11/02758/LBC** **65 London Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**
- Listed Building Consent: Removal of existing extension with roof terrace, erection of spiral stair to access first floor, minor internal alterations and construction of garden wall with associated landscaping. Re-roofing of property (LB)
- 11/02840/FUL** **Former Supermarket Site Vale Road, Culverden**
- Removal/demolition of part of the existing canopy, tree planters and surface material and construction of an entrance vestibule and public realm works (CA) (LB)
- 11/02843/CAC** **Former Supermarket Site Vale Road, Culverden**
- Conservation Area Consent: Removal/demolition of part of the existing canopy, tree planters and surface material (CA)
- 11/02727/FUL** **Woodgate Mews The Heath, Horsmonden**
- Change of layout of footpath to plots 1 and 2. Change of fence layout to plot 2 (adjacent to drive). New fence where office demolished. All pursuant with previously approved application TW/07/03129 (CA) (LB)
- 11/02790/CAC** **Garden Cottage 16 Calverley Park Gardens, Park**
- Conservation Area Consent - Removal of existing fence fronting Pembury Road (CA)
- 11/02712/FUL** **The Granary Heronden Barn, Sandhurst**
- Change of use of The Granary from annex to dwelling with parking (LB)
- 11/02743/LBC** **Burrwood Groombridge, Speldhurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Remedial work to unstable wall (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN11 1RS

Dated: 01 October 2011



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THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL Town and Country Planning Act Notice of Applications

MA/11/1152/S - OAST AT GREAT TONG FARM, GREAT TONG, HEADCORN, KENT, TN27 9PP - Change of use of building from agriculture to light industrial. **Reason: 7**

MA/11/1260/S - 3-4, BOWER TERRACE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 8RY - An application for listed building consent for the installation of replacement signage 'Dendy Neville' and 'Chartered Accountants' and installation of spot lights. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/1339/N - LAND ADJ ULCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL, THE STREET, ULCOMBE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1DU - An outline application with all matters reserved for future consideration for a residential development of two semi-detached houses and one detached house with access road to associated parking and landscaping. **Reason: 7**

MA/11/1341/S - MOUNTAIN FARMHOUSE, MARDEN ROAD, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9PZ - An application for listed building consent for alterations to the fenestration to the west elevation; removal of soil pipe and alterations to rainwater goods to west elevation and replacement of rainwater goods to all other elevations; replacement of window and introduction of new openings to north elevation; and erection of porch to north elevation. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/1468/N - 2, CROSS KEYS, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4HR - Retrospective application for the erection of a 1.8m boundary fence. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/1471/S - CHARLTON FARM, LOWER FARM ROAD, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4DB - An application for listed building consent for alterations and repairs to fire place and beam. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/1588/N - 72, BANK STREET, MAIDSTONE, ME14 1SN - Extension and alterations to create three apartments. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/1589/N - 72, BANK STREET, MAIDSTONE, ME14 1SN - Extension and alterations to create three apartments. **Reason: 1, 2**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 7 - Application affects a Public Right of Way.



Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **16th October 2011**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated: 2nd October 2011**

Planning applications



Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1980
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

- CA/11/01394/FUL: Whitecroft, Covet Lane, Kingston, CT4 6HU** Erection of conservatory to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mr Anthony Cadby**
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/11/01444/FUL: 1 Marlowe Court, King Street, Canterbury, CT1 2AL** Replacement windows. **Applicant: Miss Kitt**
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/11/01458/LB: 6 Summer Hill, Harbledown, CT2 8NH** Installation of solar panels to rear (southern) roof slopes. **Applicant: Mrs A Rootes**
Reason: Work to a listed building.
- CA/11/01511/FUL: Littlebourne House, 2 High Street, Littlebourne, CT3 1UN** Extension to residential nursing home. **Applicant: Mr M Moreland**
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/11/01518/FUL: Herne House, Canterbury Road, Herne, CT6 7JX** Change of use of outbuilding to cattery. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs White**
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/11/01520/ADV: 20 Castle Street, Canterbury, CT1 2QJ** Non-illuminated external sign with hanging bracket. **Applicant: Mr Timothy Dudgeon**
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/11/01525/FUL: 24 Wincheap, Canterbury, CT1 3QZ** Internal and external alterations. **Applicant: Mr Robin Atherden**
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/11/01526/LB: 24 Wincheap, Canterbury, CT1 3QZ** Internal and external alterations. **Applicant: Mr Atherden**
Reason: Work to a listed building.
- CA/11/01529/FUL: 64 Harbour Street, Whitstable, CT5 1AG** Single-storey extension to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mr Cooper**
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/11/01542/FUL: Poplar Farm, Stodmarsh Road, Wickhambreaux, CT3 4BA** Single-storey extension to side of dwelling and erection of garage with office room over. **Applicant: Mrs Brenda Holdstock** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/11/01548/FUL: 33-33A Ethelbert Road, Canterbury, CT1 3NF** Internal and external alterations to dwelling. **Applicant: Mr Yurov**
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/11/01553/FUL: Glendale, Underdown Lane, Herne Bay, CT6 5UD** Loft conversion incorporating dormer window to rear roof slope. (Revised scheme). **Applicant: Mr Chris Snell** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/11/01563/FUL: 18 Douglas Road, Herne Bay, CT6 6AE** Replacement front door. **Applicant: Mr T Fentiman** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/11/01573/FUL: 9 Rose Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2JP** Installation of additional roof plant. **Applicant: HSBC Bank PLC**
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/11/01575/LB: Poplar Farm, Stodmarsh Road, Wickhambreaux, CT3 4BA** Single-storey extension to side of dwelling and erection of garage with office room over. **Applicant: Mrs Brenda Holdstock** Reason: Work to a listed building.
- CA/11/01576/LB: 7 Best Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2JB** Alterations to include the removal of masonry brickwork, insertion of a steel lintel, new blackwork, proposed brickwork to conservation standards and moving of a window (Retrospective application). **Applicant: Ms Hartley-English**
Reason: Work to a listed building.
- CA/11/01577/LB: Walnut Tree Cottage, Woolage Green Road, Woolage Green, Womenswold, CT4 6SF** Erection of telegraph pole. **Applicant: UK Power Networks** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/11/01579/FUL: Friends Cottage, The Causeway, Barham, CT4 6PT** First-floor extension to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mrs J Frier**
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/11/01580/LB: Friends Cottage, The Causeway, Barham, CT4 6PT** First-floor extension to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mrs J Frier**
Reason: Work to a listed building.
- CA/11/01588/LB: Littlebourne House, 2 High Street, Littlebourne, CT3 1UN** Extension to residential nursing home. **Applicant: Mr M Moreland** Reason: Work to a listed building.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.control@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before **Monday 24 October 2011**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dic

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 30 September 2011

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HIGHWAYS - Ashford Borough Council

HINXHILL ROAD, HINXHILL, ASHFORD
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the installation of a new electricity supply cable, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hinxhill Road, Hinxhill, on or after 22 October 2011 for up to 15 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Goodcheap Lane and Plumpton.

The alternative route is via Hinxhill Road, The Street, A2070 Kennington Road, Willesborough Interchange, A20 Hythe Road, Bockham Lane and Plumpton.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

ALBANY DRIVE, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To enable sewer connections to be made for a new development, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Albany Drive, Herne Bay, between 22 October 2011 and 30 October 2011 inclusive, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Sea Street (on the station side).

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Sea Street and Minster Drive.

The alternative route is via Sea Street, Western Avenue and Minster Drive.

HIGH STREET, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow the use of a mobile crane to lift equipment onto the roof of Lloyds TSB, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on High Street, Canterbury, on or after Sunday 23 October 2011 between the hours of 6.00 pm and 10.00 pm.

If adverse weather prevents these works going ahead on 23 October, the works will be deferred until one of the following 2 Sundays, as advised on site.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with St Margaret's Street.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with St Margaret's Street and Guildhall Street

The alternative route is via Rose Lane, Watling Street, Upper Bridge Street, Broad Street, Military Road, Tourtel Road, Northgate, New Ruttington Lane, Union Place, Union Street The Borough, Palace Street, Orange Street and The Friars.

TELFORD STREET, HERNE BAY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of construction works in connection with a new development, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Telford Street, Herne Bay, on or after 18 October 2011 for up to 1 day.

A futher 1-day closure is planned for 8 November 2011.

The road will be closed between the junction with Richmond Street and the vicinity of Saxby Lodge.

The alternative route is via Richmond Street, Central Parade, Dolphin Street and Telford Street.

This Order remains in force for up to 18 months and can be re-implemented if required, for works of a similar nature.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

EAST CLIFF, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on East Cliff, Dover, on or after 17 October 2011 for up to 8 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases from the junction with Townwall Street to the vicinity of number 58.

There is no alternative route.

There will be a suspension of the One-way Traffic Order in respect of East Cliff to allow access up to the point of closure.

HIGHWAYS - District of Gravesham

OAKENDEN LANE, MEOPHAM - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Oakenden Lane, Meopham between Brimstone Hill and Dean Street.

The Order will become effective on 17th October 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 21 October 2011 and last 1 day. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via Dean Road, Harvel Street, David Street, Whitehill Road and Brimstone Hill.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate BT works to allow safe access for poling works.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BOWER LANE & BOWER PLACE, MAIDSTONE)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
(SUSPEND & INTRODUCE ONE WAY ORDERS)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Monday 3rd October 2011 when required for a period of up to 13 weeks or until such works are completed and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule	
Road Name:	Bower Lane, Maidstone
Extent:	A26 Tonbridge Road to Upper Fant Road, in sections: 1.1 Tonbridge Road to Evelyn Road, 1.2 Evelyn Road to Newton Close, 1.3 Newton Close to Upper Fant Road
Diversion:	A26 Tonbridge Road, St Michaels Road, Upper Fant Road
Road Name:	Bower Lane, Maidstone
Extent:	Suspend one way order between A26 Tonbridge Road and Upper Fant Road in the above stages - 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 to allow for access
Road Name:	Bower Lane, Maidstone
Extent:	Introduce one way order northbound between Upper Fant Road and Newton Close
Road Name:	Bower Place, Maidstone - Contingency only
Extent:	A26 Tonbridge Road to Bower Lane
Diversion:	A26 Tonbridge Road, St Michaels Road, Upper Fant Road
Road Name:	Bower Place, Maidstone
Extent:	Suspend one way order between A26 Tonbridge Road and Bower Lane
Road Name:	Upper Fant Road, Maidstone
Extent:	Closure of access from Bower Lane and Bower Place into Upper Fant Road
Diversion:	Bower Lane, A26 Tonbridge Road, St Michaels Road

The purpose of the Order is for gas mains replacement to be undertaken by Southern Gas Networks.

For further information or comment please call John Adslay of Southern Gas Networks on 07774 983419.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, BOXLEY)
(50MPH AND 40MPH SPEED LIMITS AND RESTRICTED ROADS)
(AMENDMENT NO.1)
ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under section 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The effect of the proposed Order will introduce a 50 mph speed limit on the A229 Chatham Road, Boxley (northbound lane only) on the following length of road:

A229 Chatham Road (northbound lane only)	From a point 80m north of Springfield Roundabout to a point 127m north of the centre line of the splitter island at the access to Cobtree Golf Course
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A copy of the Order, which comes into operation on 3rd October 2011, together with an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office hours Monday to Friday at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

ST JULIANS ROAD, SEAL - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on St Julians Road, Seal from Park Lane for approx 55metres West.

The Order will become effective on 16th October 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 17th October and last 4 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via Fawke Wood Road, Carters Hill.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate installation of a new water pipe.

HIGHWAYS - In the District of Sevenoaks and Boroughs of Dartford, Gravesham, Tunbridge Wells, Maidstone and Tonbridge and Malling

VARIOUS ROADS, SEVENOAKS/DARTFORD/GRAVESHAM/TUNBRIDGE WELLS/MAIDSTONE & TONBRIGE & MALLING - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are being carried out on or near the road Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on the routes described in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 3rd October and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The dates shown in the schedules are anticipated dates however actual work dates will be displayed by signage on site in advance. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the restrictions are also stated in the attached schedules.

Schedule 1

Sevenoaks	
Road Name:	Ash Road, Hartley
Extent:	Between The Warrens and Tates Orchard
Date:	6th October 2011 for 2 nights between 20.00 - 00.00
Diversion:	Ash Road, Hartley Road, B260 Main Road, Fawkhams Road, Valley Road, Brands Hatch Road, Fawkhams Road, A20 London Road, Ash Lane, South Ash Road, The Street, Ash Road, Chapel Wood Road and Ash Road.
Road Name:	A25 Westerham Road, Chevening
Extent:	Between Westerham Road (minor) and Springshaw Close
Date:	17th October 2011 for 7 nights between 20.00 - 00.00
Diversion:	A25 Worships Hill, A224 Amherst Hill, London Road, Tubbs Hill, London Road, A225 Tonbridge Road, Riverhill, A21 Sevenoaks By-Pass (via Morley's roundabout) and A25 Westerham Road.
Dartford	
Road Name:	Princes Road, Dartford
Extent:	The roundabout junction with Green Street Green Road and Park Road
Date:	3rd October 2011 for 3 nights between 19.00 - 00.00
Diversion:	For Princes Road into Dartford from Watling Street - Watling Street, East Hill, Overy Liberty, Market Street and Lowfield Street. For Princes Road into Dartford from Lowfield Street - Lowfield Street, Instone Road, Highfield Road, Westgate, Home Gardens, East Hill and Watling Street. For Green Street Green Road - Green Street Green Road, Darenth Hill, Parsonage Lane, Hawley Road and Lowfield Street. For Park Road - East Hill, Overy Liberty, Market Street and Lowfield Street
Road Name:	Dartford Heath Roundabout (Old Bexley Ash), Dartford
Extent:	The roundabout, junction with the A2
Date:	10th October 2011 for 6 nights between 22.00 - 05.00
Diversion:	Phase 1 - Local Diversion - Oakfield Lane, Heath Lane Upper, Princes Road and Shepherds Lane Phase 1 - A2 Diversion - Use the A2 London Bound then exit at the Black Prince junction. Head towards Bexleyheath, cross back across the A2 and exit for the A2 coast bound. Then exit the A2 at the Dartford Heath junction and follow Oakfield Lane, Heath Lane Upper, Princes Road and Shepherds Lane Phase 2 - Local Diversion - Oakfield Lane, Heath Lane Upper, Princes Road and Shepherds Lane Phase 2 - A2 Diversion - Use the A2 Coast Bound then exit at the Darenth Interchange. Head for the A2 coast bound. Then exit the A2 at the Dartford Heath junction and follow Oakfield Lane, Heath Lane Upper, Princes Road and Shepherds Lane
Road Name:	Crossways Boulevard, Stone
Extent:	The roundabout, junction with Galleon Boulevard
Date:	17th October 2011 for 4 nights between 19.00 - 00.00
Diversion:	St Clements Way, London Road and Cotton Lane.
Road Name:	Market Street, Dartford
Extent:	From Overy Liberty to outside No.10 Market Street
Date:	31st October 2011 for 4 nights between 20.00 - 02.00
Diversion:	Home Gardens, Westgate Road, West Hill, Shepherds Lane, Princes Road and Lowfield Street.
Road Name:	Longfield Road, Longfield
Extent:	From Manor Road to Melliker Lane
Date:	2nd November 2011 for 3 nights between 19.00 - 00.00
Diversion:	A227 Wrotham Road, A2, New Barn Road and Main Road.

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Road Name: Shepherds Lane, Dartford
Extent: The roundabout junction with Old Bexley Lane and Rochester Way
Date: 4th November 2011 for 7 nights between 19.00 - 00.00

Diversion:
Shepherds Lane - Shepherds Lane, Princes Road, Heath Lane Upper, Oakfield Lane and Old Bexley Lane.

Rochester Way - Rochester Way, Swan Lane, Chastilian Road, Princes Road, Heath Lane Upper, Oakfield Lane and Old Bexley Lane.

Road Name: Lowfield Street, Dartford
Extent: From Instone Road to Heath Street
Date: 26th March 2011 for 4 nights between 19.00 - 00.00

Diversion:
From Dartford - Instone Road, Highfield Road South and Princes Road.

Towards Dartford - Princes Road, Heath Lane Upper, Highfield Road, Westgate Road, Home Gardens, Overy Liberty and Market Street.

Gravesham

Road Name: A227 Wrotham Road, Gravesend
Extent: Between A2 on/off slip and The Fairway
Date: 3rd October 2011 for 15 nights between 19.00 - 00.00

Diversion:
Phase 1: The Fairway to Coldharbour Road - Coldharbour Road, Earl Road, Perry Street, Pedham Road South, Old Road West, Old Road East, Valley Drive and the A2.
Phase 2: From the A2 up to and including the roundabout at Coldharbour Road - the A2, Valley Drive, Old Road East, Old Road West, Pedham Road South, Perry Street, Earl Road and Coldharbour Road.

Road Name: A227 Wrotham Road and Gravesend Road, Meopham
Extent: Between Willow Walk and Newlands Lane
Date: 20th October 2011 for 11 nights between 19.00 - 00.00

Diversion:
Longfield Road, Main Road, Green Street Green Road, Darenth Hill, Parsonage Lane, Main Road, Dartford Road, A20 Main Road, A20 Gorse Hill, A20 London Road and A227 Gravesend Road.

Road Name: High Street and The Hill, Northfleet
Extent: Between Factory Road and Dover Road
Date: 23rd October 2011 for 8 nights between 19.00 - 00.00

Diversion:
The Hill, London Road, Thames Way and Stonebridge Road.

Road Name: Old Road East, Gravesend
Extent: Between Windmill Street and Parrock Road
Date: 9th November 2011 for 3 nights between 19.00 - 00.00

Diversion:
From Old Road East - Parrock Road, Parrock Street, Lord Street and Windmill Street.
From Old Road West - Singlewell Road and Cross Lane East.

Road Name: Darnley Road, Gravesend
Extent: Between Barrack Row and New Road
Date: 7th March 2011 for 3 nights between 19.00 - 00.00

Diversion:
Darnley Road, Old Road West, Dover Road East, Dover Road, Thames Way and Overcliffe.

Road Name: Rochester Road, Gravesend
Extent: The roundabout at junction with Dering Way and Old Road East
Date: 18th March 2011 for 8 nights between 19.00 - 00.00

Diversion:
To access Gravesend - A289 Wainscott By Pass, the A2, A227 Wrotham Road, Old Road West
To access Dering Way - Vehicles will need to use the A226 and use Chalk Road and Lower Higham Road. Access will be gained through the works at a safe period of time.
Dering Way and Old Road East will be closed at the roundabout whilst these works take place.

Tunbridge Wells

Road Name: Powdermill Lane, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Between Hilgarth and A26 St Johns Road
Date: 7th October 2011 for 5 days between 09.30 - 15.00

Diversion:
St Johns Road, Yew Tree Road and Powdermill Lane.

Road Name: Bidborough Ridge, Southborough
Extent: Between Darnley Drive and A26 London Road
Date: 21st October 2011 for 1 night between 18.30 - 06.00

Diversion:
Darnley Drive, Bounds Oak Way, Birchwood Avenue and A26 London Road.

Road Name: A267 Frant Road, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Between St Marks Road and Bayham Road
Date: 26th October 2011 for 5 nights between 18.30 - 06.00

Diversion:
Frant Road, Bunny Lane, A26 Eridge Road, A26 London Road, A267 Nevill Street and Frant Road.

Road Name: Longfield Road, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Between Dowding Way Roundabout and Stag Road
Date: 31st October 2011 for 4 nights between 19.00 - 06.00

Diversion:
Darnley Drive, Bounds Oak Way, Birchwood Avenue and A26 London Road.

Road Name: Claremont Gardens, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: For its entire length
Date: 5th March 2012 for 1 day between 08.00 - 17.00.

Maidstone

Road Name: A274 Biddenden Road, Headcorn
Extent: From 100m north of New Stone Bridge to 100m south of New Stone Bridge
Date: 1st November 2011 for 4 nights

Diversion:
A274 Headcorn Road / North Street, A262 High Street / Sissinghurst Street, A229 Rocks Hill / Cranbrook Road / High Street / Station Road / Maidstone Road / Staplehurst Road / Linton Hill, B2163 Heath Road / Plough Wents Road / Mill Bank / High Street / Station Road / Wheeler Street.

Road Name: A274 Sutton Road, Maidstone
Extent: Between Gore Court Road and Wallis Avenue (east)
Date: 6th November 2011 for 2 nights

Diversion:
A274 Sutton Road / Maidstone Road / North Street / Headcorn Road / Maidstone Road / Mill Bank / North Street / High Street / Wheeler Street / Biddenden Road / Headcorn Road / North Street, A262 High Street / Sissinghurst Road / The Street, A229 Rocks Hill / Cranbrook Road / High Street / Station Road / Maidstone Road / Staplehurst Road / Linton Hill / Linton Road / Loose Road, A274 Sutton Road.

Road Name: A249 Sittingbourne Road, Maidstone
Extent: Between Holland Road and Hatherall Road
Date: 7th November 2011 for 6 nights

Diversion:
A249 Sittingbourne Road, Penenden Heath Road, Boxley Road, B2012 Holland Road.

Road Name: B2246 Hermitage Lane, Barming
Extent: Between Heath Road and Maidstone Hospital access
Date: 26th February 2012 for 4 nights

Diversion:
Northbound: B2246 Fountain Lane, A26 Tonbridge Road, A20 Terrace Road / London Road, B2246 Hermitage Lane.
Eastbound: B2246 Hermitage Lane, A20 London Road / Rocky Hill, A26 Tonbridge Road, B2246 Fountain Lane.

Road Name: A229 Linton Hill, Linton
Extent: Between Heath Road and Redwall Lane
Date: 2nd March 2012 for 10 nights

Diversion:
A229 Linton Hill / Staplehurst Road / Maidstone Road / Station Road / High Street / Cranbrook Road / Rocks Hill, A262 The Street / Sissinghurst Road / High Street, A274 North Street / Headcorn Road / Biddenden Road / Wheeler Street / Station Road / North Street / Maidstone Road, B2163 Plough Wents Road / Heath Road.

Road Name: A229 Cranbrook Road, Staplehurst
Extent: Between Frittenden Road and Pinnock Lane
Date: 15th March 2012 for 2 nights

Diversion:
A229 Cranbrook Road / Rocks Hill, A262 The Street / Sissinghurst Road / High Street, A274 North Street / Headcorn Road / Biddenden Road / Wheeler Street / Station Road / North Street / Maidstone Road, B2163 Plough Wents Road / Heath Road.

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Road Name: A229 Staplehurst Road, Marden
Extent: Between Stilebridge Lane and B2079 Maidstone Road
Date: 19th March 2012 for 2 nights

Diversion:
A229 Staplehurst Road / Maidstone Road / Station Road / High Street / Cranbrook Road / Rocks Hill, A262 The Street / Sissinghurst Road / High Street, A274 North Street / Headcorn Road / Biddenden Road / Wheeler Street / Station Road High Street / North Street / Mill Bank / Maidstone Road / Headcorn Road / North Street / Maidstone Road, B2163 Plough Wents Road / Heath Road, A229 Linton Hill.

Road Name: A229 High Street / Station Road, Staplehurst
Extent: Approx 50m on north and south approaches to junction with Headcorn Road / Marden Road
Date: 21st March 2012 for 3 nights

Diversion:
A229 High Street / Cranbrook Road / Rocks Hill, A262 The Street / Sissinghurst Road / High Street, A274 North Street / Headcorn Road / Biddenden Road / Wheeler Street / Station Road / High Street / North Street / Mill Bank / Maidstone Road / Headcorn Road / North Street / Maidstone Road, B2163 Plough Wents Road / Heath Road, A229 Linton Hill / Staplehurst Road / Maidstone Road / Station Road.

Road Name: A262 Holland Road, Maidstone
Extent: Between Wheeler Street and Sittingbourne Road
Date: 26th March 2012 for 4 nights

Diversion:
Boxley Road, Penenden Heath Road, A249 Sittingbourne Road.

Tonbridge and Malling

Road Name: A26 Woodgate Way, Tonbridge
Extent: Between A2214 Pembury Road and B2017 Five Oak Green Road
Date: 13th October 2011 for 2 nights between 22.00 - 05.00

Diversion:
B2014 Pembury Road, B2260 Quarry Hill Road/Railway Approach, Vale Road, Avenue Du Puy, Sovereign Way, Vale Road, A26 Vale Rise, A26 Woodgate Way.

Road Name: A26 High Street, Hadlow
Extent: Between Carpenters Lane and Court Lane
Date: 12th March 2012 for 3 nights between 19.00 - 05.00

Diversion:
A26 Tonbridge Road, A26 Hadlow Road, A26 Cornwallis Avenue, A26 Hadlow Road, A26 Cannon Lane, A26 Vale Road, A26 Woodgate Way, B2017 Five Oak Green Road, A228 Whetsted Road, A228 Branbridges Road, A228 Boyle Way, A228 Sevenmile Lane and A26 Maidstone Road.

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The road will be closed for its entire length. The alternative route is via The Leas, Clifton Road and Sandgate Road.

GREEN LANE, RHODES MINNIS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Green Lane, Rhodes Minnis, on or after 5 October 2011 for up to 5 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Hempsted Lane/Woodland Road and Longage Hill.

The alternative route is via Hempsted Lane, B2068 Stone Street, Mockbeggar and The Minnis.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

BELLEVUE ROAD, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new electricity supply, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bellevue Road, Ramsgate, on or after 23 October 2011 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Augusta Road and Artillery Road.

The alternative route is via B2054 Victoria Road, Victoria Parade and Plains of Waterloo.

THANET ROAD, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new electricity supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Thanet Road, Broadstairs, on or after 3 October 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of 13 Albion Street.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Albion Street and Prospect Road.

The alternative route is via Albion Street, High Street, Prospect Place and Thanet Road.

UPPER DUMPTON PARK ROAD, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install a new electricity supply, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Upper Dumpton Park Road, Ramsgate, on or after 18 October 2011 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of number 31.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Claremont Place and Ann's Road.

The alternative route is via A255 Boundary Road, Denmark Road and St Luke's Avenue.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (COURT LANE, HADLOW) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Court Lane, Hadlow from A26 High Street to Pierce Mill Lane on or after Wednesday 5th October 2011 between 20:00hrs and 05:00hrs for a period of up to 2 weeks or until such works are complete.

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The alternative route is via A26 High Street/Tonbridge Road/Hadlow Road, Three Elm Lane, Tonbridge Road, Hatches Lane.

BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to upgrade BT cable. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Craig Self on 01842 762973.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(SANDY LANE, ADDINGTON)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Sandy Lane, outside plot adjacent to "Downland" on or after Saturday 22nd October 2011 when required for a period of up to 9 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Ford Lane, A20 London Road, St Vincents Lane.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to install a new gas supply. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Amy Colvin on 01689 881315.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(TUDELEY LANE, TONBRIDGE)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Tudeley Lane at The Priory Mill Bridge on or after Monday 17th October 2011 for a period of up to 6 months or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Tudeley Lane, A2014 Pembury Road, A26 Woodgate Way, Five Oak Green Road.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to demolish and rebuild the Priory Mill Bridge for highway safety. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Geoff Blatchford on 01622 666000

**Katherine Kerswell
Group Managing Director
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County Hall,
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BIRTHS

BARNFATHER

Simon and Sophia of Whitstable are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful son, Jack Joseph on 14th September 2011. Jack was born at 9.12pm and weighed 9lb 5oz.

BROOKER

Samuel John born on the 6th September 2011, weighing 7lb 9.5oz. Son to Anna Brooker and Christopher Baxter in Maidstone.

CARTY

Isabelle Elsie born on 31st August 2011. Beautiful daughter to Paul and Leanne. Mummy and Daddys special little princess.

CHALMERS-STEVENS

Tricia and Darren Chalmers-Stevens celebrate the birth of their son Oliver Bryon Michael on 13th September 2011, weighing 8lb 3oz. A little brother for Mia Katelyn.

COULSTOCK

Zachary Jason Coulstock born on the 8th September 2011, weighing 3.6 kg, to proud parents Raymond and Myriam.

CRACKNELL

Simon and Kerryanne of Herne Bay are delighted to announce the arrival of a baby brother for Chloe. Hayden Philip was born on 15th September 2011 at The QEQM Hospital

DOBRZANSKA DE ABREU

Christian and Aleksandra celebrate the

birth of their beautiful daughter Emilia on 15th August 2011.

MUNRO

Katie and Scott Munro celebrate the birth of their son Luke Simon Munro on 5th September 2011.

PARSONS

Chris and Jo are delighted to announce the birth of their third son Bobby Miles Parsons. He was born at 9.51 am on 17th August 2011 and weighed 7lb 13oz. A Brother for Oliver and Max.

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RANDALL / VENNER

Oliver Randall born on 11th September 2011, weighing 8lbs 7oz. Son to Karen and Simon in Maidstone.

ROSS

Ljay Willow Ross born on the 18th September 2011, weighing 4lb 14oz. Daughter to John and Francesca.

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TOFT

Jez and SamToft are pleased to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Tigerlily Toft. Much loved by everyone,

including Summer, Roo and Tiger Nanny Too.

DEATHS

DOWNING

The family of Constance DOWNING of Kennington, Ashford, Kent, previously from Hamble and Hedge End, Hampshire wish to announce the death of their mother at Singleton Nursing Home, Ashford, Kent on Wednesday 21st September 2011. The funeral will be held on 7th October at 3.20pm at Charing Crematorium and afterwards at St Marys Church Hall, Church Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent. All enquiries to Doves Funeral Services, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford, Kent.

HARDWICK

Joan Leslie Hardwick of Dartford passed away peacefully on 14th September 2011. Funeral service at Eltham Crematorium at 11.30am on 5th October 2011. Sadly missed by all.

WINTER

Lisa Winter (nee Thompson) passed away peacefully on 19th September 2011 at Ellenor Lions Hospice Northfleet. Loving wife to Mark and devoted mother to Danielle, Kelsey and Ellis. Loving daughter of Olive and Roy. She will be forever missed. For funeral arrangements please contact Levertons Funeral Services Dartford.

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THE INTERVIEW

Paul Rose

Paul's making life an adventure

Ed Hill meets the intrepid explorer whose chaotic career brings him a sense of peace

DESPITE admitting being a complete failure at school, Paul Rose has led an extraordinary life. The explorer and television presenter has worked with NASA on missions to Mars, trained US Navy divers and carried out important scientific studies in the Antarctic.

Now he is going on the road telling people about his adventures and some of the issues facing the natural world.

Rose said: "I put these lectures together at the last minute because I like to reflect current issues and public interest with what I have been up to. It's not a talk I just keep repeating – each one should have something fresh about it. That makes it huge fun for me and I hope for the audience, too."

Rose is vice-president of the Royal Geographical Society and is known to television viewers for shows such as Britain's Secret Seas and Voyages Of Discovery.

He will be bringing his show to Tunbridge Wells later this month.

He said: "I have got some really great behind-the-scenes stories. I love telling people what it's really like to work in the Antarctic or on a television programme. I have some funny clips showing how things are done. Really it's a celebration of exploration and why everyone should think of themselves as an explorer."

The explorer's own curiosity about the world developed when he was a teenager.

He said: "I used to watch people like Jacques Cousteau. I had just failed my 11-plus and all I knew was I wanted to be a diver, but I had very little chance of doing it growing up in a council house in Essex."

"Then at 14 my geography teacher took the class to the Brecon Beacons. I realised this was something I could do. We were climbing, walking, navigating and living alongside nature. A lot of the other kids were really academic and found it quite hard, so that gave me some confidence. I have never felt as alive as when I was peeling spuds at the Merthyr Tydfil youth hostel."



Picture: IAN KELLETT



Since those early days, Rose has made a career of travelling to extreme parts of the world. He was the Base Commander of a British Antarctic research station for 10 years and was awarded the Queen's Polar Medal.

As well as being a professional diver, he is a yachtsman with many ocean journeys under his belt. He said: "I do like the vast open spaces – huge, simple scenery with very few people. Even when it's blowing a storm, these big regions bring me some sort of peace."

"It is the same when I dive in the ocean. You are in the deep blue sea and you can't see anything else. That sense of peace is fabulous even if I am on a complex science job."

He adds that he is pleased most of his work has involved scientific study, saying: "That means a lot to me. You can enjoy climbing a new mountain in Greenland if you have an appreciation for the science of the area."

The presenter says he has never had any career plans – he has just gone from one project

to another. "My career has been chaotic but more or less in the same direction. The one common thing seems to be a lack of admin at all costs. I really try to avoid paperwork if I can," he said.

The explorer says the show is fun for the audience. He does not try to push the environmental message too strongly, but the talks do have a point.

"There is an essential need for society to have a sense of enquiry and discovery so that we can fully engage with the planet. It makes me worry when I meet people who aren't very interested in the bigger world around them."

"There are now seven billion of us on the planet and yet at a time when its ecosystem has never been under so much pressure we are living further and further from nature."

"There is a lovely term Citizens of Science which says everyone should be interested in the world around them. If we are, then surely that leads to a better understanding of our planet and our lifestyles."

Rose, who after the lecture tour is due to return to the Antarctic to gather ancient methane from the ice, knows his audience will be in for an entertaining evening.

"The reaction has been fantastic. I balance the talk with information, stories, images and films. People say it goes quickly and I encourage questions, so it becomes a very sociable engagement for everyone."

And he hopes it will nurture a sense of wonder about the world for the audience.

He said: "We need to keep that beautiful sense of enquiry that children have. It's like when you set out on a new journey and there's a sense of excitement but also a slight sense of fear because you wonder if you are up to the challenge. That is a great way to live life. I don't want mine to be in an A4-size box."

■ Paul Rose is at the Assembly Hall Theatre in Tunbridge Wells on Tuesday, October 25. See www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk for more details and to book.

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TALKING POINT

Filming in Kent

KENT may be a far cry from the dizzying glamour of Hollywood, but with its ability to attract the very best of the movie industry, it could be in the running to becoming England's very own version of Tinseltown.

With areas of the county being chosen as location sites for high profile productions including *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Sherlock Holmes*, and *The Other Boleyn Girl*, bringing in around £14 million in five years to the local economy, Kent County Council has pulled out all the stops to ensure filmmakers keep on coming.

Not only was a dedicated Kent Film Office established in 2006 – an arm of KCC devoted to generating inward investment from the film and broadcast industries into the economy – but last year a new law was passed allowing for temporary road closures to allow filming to take place.

Kent is the only authority in the UK outside of London to have these legal powers.

Just recently, the KCC (filming on highways) Act 2010 allowed for the filming of a high speed car chase along the A299 carriageway between Faversham and Ramsgate for comedy sequel *Johnny English: Reborn*, starring Rowan Atkinson, which is due for release on October 7.

It is one of a long list of high profile productions to have been shot at locations around the county.

Scenes from 2008 film *The Other Boleyn Girl*, starring Scarlett Johansson and Natalie Portman, were filmed at Knole, near Sevenoaks, Dover Castle and Penshurst Place.

Chatham's Historic Dockyard was the setting for several blockbuster films, including *The Mummy* in 1999, starring Brendan Fraser and Rachel Weisz, where the docks were transformed into the Port of Giza in Egypt.

Scenes from Guy Ritchie's 2009 film *Sherlock Holmes*, with Jude Law and Robert Downey Jnr, were also filmed at the dockyard and last October saw the cast return to film parts of the sequel, which is due for release in December.

Folkestone was used as the setting for Irish director John Crowley's *Is Anybody There?* starring Michael Cane, with locals used as extras on the film.

The list of films shot in the county, including some of the James Bond movies and other smaller British films, goes on and on.

But what is it that attracts so many filmmakers and directors to Kent?

KCC cabinet member for customer and communities Cllr Mike Hill said the county had a number of locations and buildings which were attractive to those in the film industry.

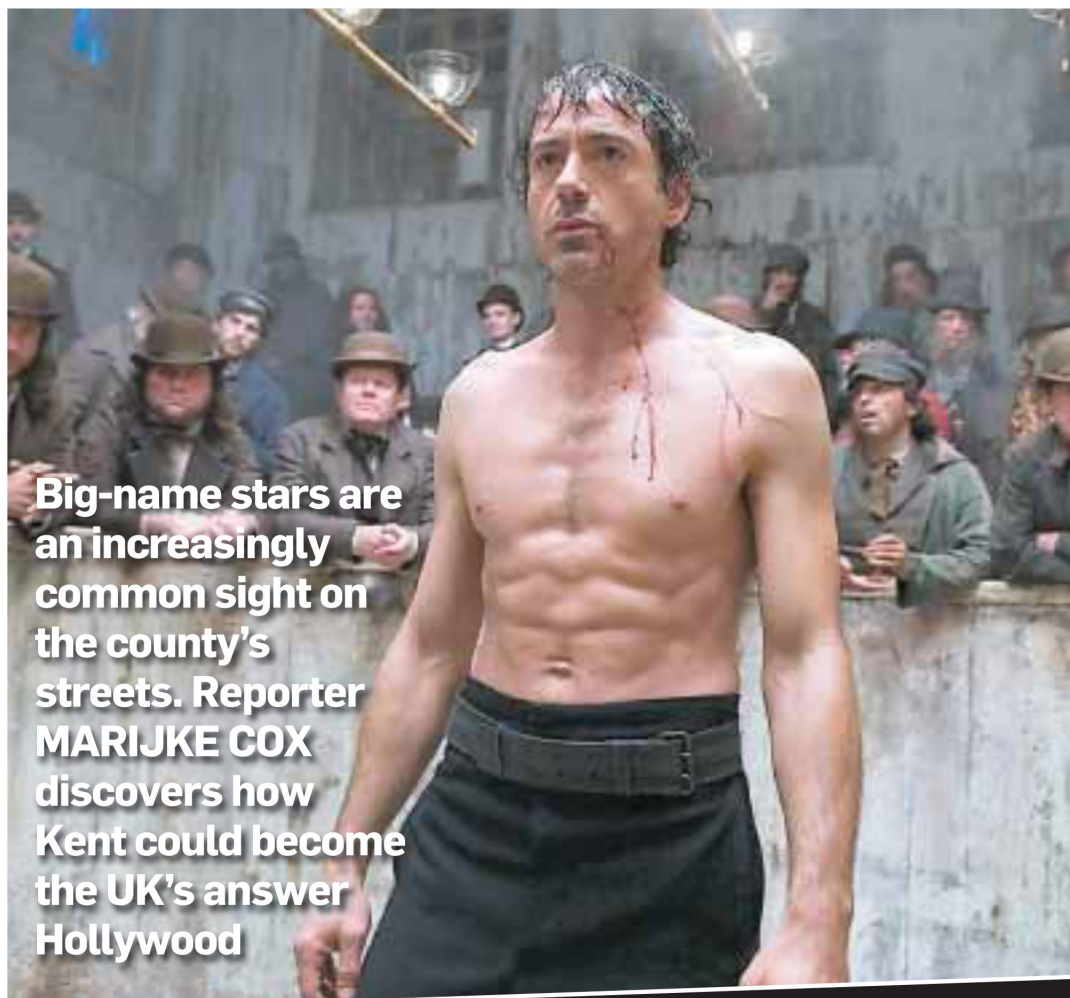
"Kent has a long history of filming and KCC's Film Office is proud to bring this tradition right up to date, most recently providing locations for a number of major films including *Johnny English: Reborn*, *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides*, *Harry Potter* and *The Deathly Hallows Part 1*, and *Burke and Hare*.

"Our extensive location database and range of administrative services provides visiting production companies with a prompt and reliable service to enable them to focus on the business of making great films.

"They are also able to draw on the county's creative sector, employing local crew and actors as well as making use of local services from cornershops to hotels and guest houses."

Award-winning filmmaker Bill Maloney, of Pie and Mash Films, said the mix of cultures and contrasts of the towns made it a popular place for filmmakers.

Mr Maloney, who wrote and directed the acclaimed *Lunatic*, winner of the best international drama feature at the New York International Film and Video Festival in 2008, said he has spent around 10 years coming back



Big-name stars are an increasingly common sight on the county's streets. Reporter MARIJKE COX discovers how Kent could become the UK's answer Hollywood

KENT'S BIG FUTURE ON THE BIG SCREEN

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BILL MALONEY, FILM-MAKER

and forth to Kent to write and film.

"I used to write a lot down there. One of the reasons I made the film *The Blunderers* was my ties to Kent. I had a chalet at Seaview between Whitstable and Herne Bay.

"I found the mix very interesting. You had the intellect of Whitstable and the lower class of Herne Bay. One day you could go and see art in Whitstable and the next go to Herne Bay to hear some band that's not really very politically correct.

"It's all mixed in together and I find that very interesting."

Mr Maloney, who is planning to film one of his documentaries in Kent, set his 2007 film *The Blunderers* at the beachside chalet. The gritty comedy tells the story of a middle-aged alcoholic helping his crack-cocaine addicted friend clean up in the seclusion of the north Kent coast.

During filming he spent time in nearby towns casting from the streets in a bid to create reality in his films.

"I find Kent fascinating. There are such different cultures. I've walked a lot around the county, from Herne Bay right up to Reculver and around Seasalter and Faversham.

"I think Kent is becoming a popular place for filmmakers to go."

In the past, the county has been the setting for hit dramas, including the *Darling Buds* of May, which was filmed in the scenic village of Pluckley.

Doctor Who actor David Tennant is currently in Margate filming for a major new star-studded series of dramas for the BBC.

He was pictured on the set of *Love Life*, a new drama written and directed by the award-winning Dominic Savage, who grew up in the town.

Billie Piper and former *EastEnders* actress Lacey Turner are among the big names filming there. Mr Savage said: "Margate is such a fantastic place to make a film.

"It has such great locations which actually have a real romance about them and possess a unique atmosphere which is very suited to a series of love stories.

"Being my home town it also has a special and personal resonance for me. I'm looking forward to coming back."

For a full list of films shot in Kent or for more information about film-making in the county go to www.kent.gov.uk/filmooffice.

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KENT REMEMBERED



OFF TO WAR: Thousands of troops set off for war on ships starting out from Folkestone Harbour

Coastal town's women first fanned the white feathers of cowardice

By Nick Ames

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EMMY award-winning television show *Downton Abbey* is now in its second series and the opening programme featured a little known piece of Kentish history.

It showed two of the family servants being presented with white feathers by women – a way of branding them as cowards for not joining up and serving in the trenches of the 1914-18 war.

The drama by Julian Fellowes is fiction – but this really did happen on many occasions.

And it all started on the sea-front at Folkestone where thousands of soldiers each month embarked on troopships from the pier bound for France.

The Road of Remembrance in the town still commemorates their sacrifice, as it leads from the war memorial to the harbour. Plans are also under-way to mark the town's part in the conflict with a museum.

But the 'feather girls' are one of the many controversial aspects of the brutal war.

In August, 1914, Admiral Charles Fitzgerald founded the Order of the White Feather to shame what he called "slackers" into joining the forces.

With the support of leading writers such as Mary Ward and Emma Orczy, the organisation encouraged women to give out the feathers, which have their origin as the mark of losers in cock fighting.

A 1902 novel called *The Four Feathers* about Harry Faversham who resigned his officer commission rather



PRESSURE: White feathers were presented to two men in *Downton Abbey*'s first episode

than fight in the Sudan, reinforced the idea.

In the book – twice made into a movie, the later version starring Heath Ledger – fellow officers and his finance taunt him with feathers until he rejoins the Army and reclaims his honour.

About 30 women went out in Folkestone and accosted any man not in uniform saying: "Are you deaf or indifferent to your country's needs?"

They then reminded their victims that British troops were dying just 20 or so miles across the sea before presenting the feathers and saying: "Here's a gift for a brave soldier."

Newspaper reports of the actions meant they spread – but often the targets were not even civilians. Many were troops on leave and out of uniform.

Even fictional air ace Biggles received a feather in a short story, while on a visit to Lympne on leave.

One young woman remembers her father, Robert Smith, being given a feather on his way home from work: "That

night he came home and cried his heart out. My father was no coward, but had been reluctant to leave his family. He was 34 and my mother, who had two young children, had been suffering from a serious illness. Soon after this incident my father joined the Army."

The Government became concerned when women began presenting state employees with white feathers.

It was suggested to Home Secretary Reginald McKenna the women should be arrested for "conduct likely to disrupt". McKenna refused but he did arrange for state employees to be issued with badges testifying they were serving "King and Country".

Although a serving soldier, the writer Compton Mackenzie, complained about the Order of the White Feather. He argued that these "idiotic young women were using white feathers to get rid of boyfriends of whom they were tired".

Pacifist and socialist, Fenner Brockway claimed he received so many white feathers he had enough to make a fan.

And the grandfather of historian Francis Beckett was exempt from service because he had three young daughters. But after receiving a feather he volunteered as a rifleman and died of his wounds in 1918.

Beckett's mother – one of the three daughters – later hit out at "that unknown woman who gave him a white feather and the thousands of brittle, self-righteous women all over the country, who had done the same".

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The area is rich in local history – it is said that the houses at the top of the hill played a part in secret smuggling exploits. Residents would signal the all-clear to boats moored so they could unload their booty without being caught.

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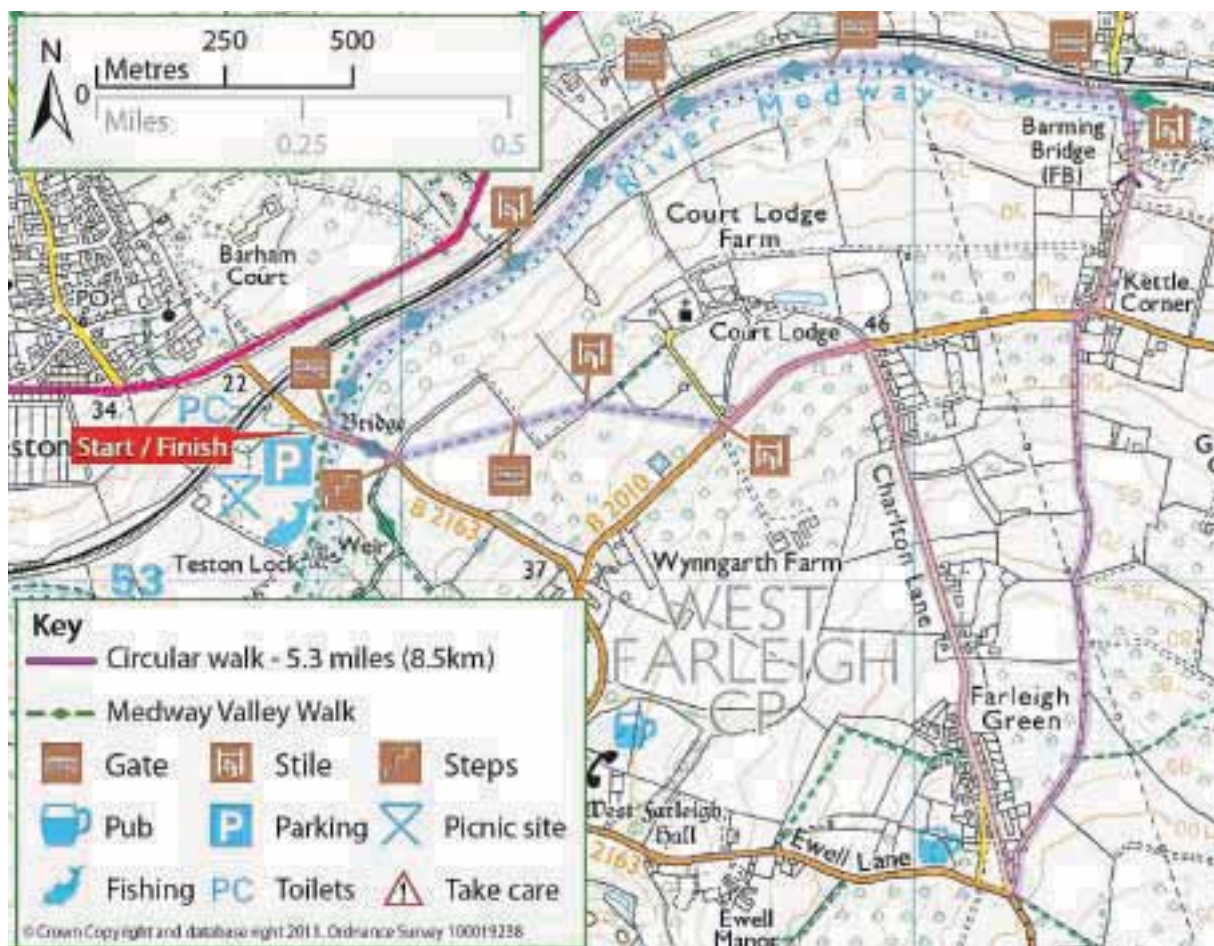
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Commuting pays dividends

IT PAYS to have a one-hour commute to London, according to a Halifax study into property and rail prices.

Commuting to London is cheaper than living and working in the city, according to research showing that those who live in Kent pay substantially less for their home.

Residents who travel an hour to work benefit from house prices that are up to 60 per cent, or £375,000, less than those in London, according to the survey.

The research found that paying cheaper accommodation costs substantially offsets the average yearly cost of a train ticket.

According to the survey, property prices about an hour's commute from central London, in cities such as Rochester, were about £245,000.

This was in "significant contrast" to the average property value in central London, which was about £620,000.

In comparison, the average annual rail cost of £4,400 from these areas in the 'one-hour zone' is relatively small.

Other Kent towns within the hour commute include Canterbury, Sittingbourne and Maidstone.

It also found that a 30-minute commute is significantly cheaper. House prices in places such as Sevenoaks were valued on average at £275,000. The average annual rail pass cost is about £3,100.

Because of the high-speed rail link, Ash-



ON TRACK: House prices were up to 60 per cent cheaper an hour's commute from London

ford is also now only a few minutes over the half-hour mark.

Nitesh Patel, housing economist at Halifax, said that for many commuters a big factor in living outside of London was about having a better "quality of life".

He said: "Commuters to London tend

to get a lot more for their money than in central London [with] bigger houses for lower prices.

"Nonetheless, the decision to commute is not simply a trade-off between financial costs and journey times. Quality of life is also important."

Solicitors issue 'buddy' warning for first home

HOME-BUYERS who 'buddy up' with a friend or relative to afford their first home must factor in all worst-case scenarios before buying, say Thanet solicitors Boys & Maughan.

The business, which earlier this year secured membership to the Law Society's prestigious Conveyancing Quality Scheme (CSQ), which recognises high standards in home-buying, says that failing to plan for all eventualities, even death, could leave you in difficulty.

The head of conveyancing at Boys & Maughan, Peter Rodd, said: "With home loans less accessible than a few years ago, joining up with a friend or relative to buy a home is a good alternative.

"However, there is more to consider when buying this way. There is a high possibility that one party to the joint ownership's

circumstances could change, so it is vital to consult your solicitor early on to cater for every possible change in circumstance.

"Circumstances when buying jointly are more likely to change. If you buy with a friend and they subsequently marry or change jobs, they might want to move on and not be tied down by the property they own jointly with you.

"Or if you buy with a family member who doesn't reside there, but who dies and leaves their share to someone else, you may need to factor that into any initial agreement.

"When it is difficult, as now, to raise a deposit and secure a mortgage on your own, buddying up is an excellent way to get a foot on the property ladder, but it needs to be done with legal advice from a CQS-accredited firm."

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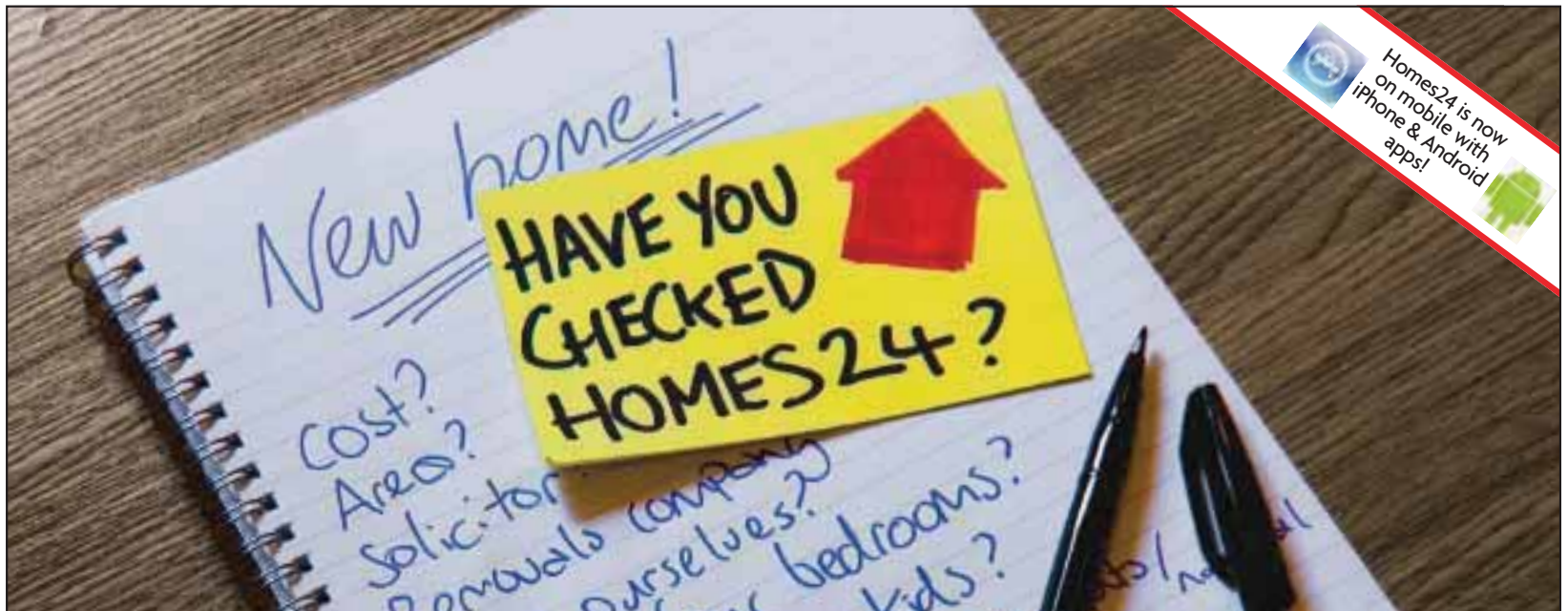
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Hyundai has eyes on prize

By Sam Davison

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HYUNDAI will launch an eye-catching yet practical Veloster coupé in November.

The Korean marque – heading what is the world's fifth biggest-selling motor group – already has a stylish new i40 sporting estate on the market and dealers are struggling to cope with demand for its ix35 SUV crossover.

Second-hand prices are rising, too, as the trade and buyers recognise the increasing quality of the cars as well as value, backed by a five-year/unlimited warranty that is rarely called upon.

It all shows how far the Korean motor manufacturer has come in just a few years and it's not hard to gauge the turning point either – the launch of the i30 model in 2007, which we road-tested here.

It was the first of a series of all-new mainstream European-style Hyundais wearing the 'vowel that wowed the world' after success with the prefix to Apple computers' wave of gadgets – the iPod, iMac and iPad.

To be honest, many observers thought Hyundai's marketing a bit cheeky: the i30 was hardly an Apple-style mould-breaker, but it was a giant step for the carmaker with fluid styling, good powertrains and an interior that finally looked good as well as being robust and hard-wearing.

If the i30 didn't match the leaders of the day such as the Ford Focus, Vauxhall Astra and VW Golf, it wasn't exactly asking you to break the bank to buy it and there was a bonus; having chosen to pinch the iPod's prefix for its new line-up, Hyundai wisely ensured that an iPod or equivalent MP3-player really worked in the car – it 'plugged'n'played' straight away when most others didn't without fiddling... or experiencing complete failure.

Since then the car has had a facelift, largely

HYUNDAI i30 1.6CRDi CLASSIC: PRICE £14,895

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LITTLE GEM:

Hyundai's i30 is more than a match for a number of its more noted rivals and is backed up by the Korean company's five-year/unlimited warranty

confined to streamlining the range and tweaking the powertrains, introducing a 'stop and go' ISG economy feature for those who want a model that will quickly shut down and restart the engine in slow-moving traffic.

The powerful 2.0-litre diesel is no more and the 108bhp 1.4-litre petrol remains a favourite for those attracted by the i30's £13,580 entry price and there's a 124bhp petrol unit if you really must have an automatic, but the dominant engine remains the 1.6-litre diesel unit.

It is tested here in its comparatively new 88bhp output form in thrifty yet well-equipped Classic trim (£14,895 as standard or £15,100 with ISG) and it's a car you can buy and forget about, knowing that it has a reputation for reliability, backed by that cast-iron warranty should the gods not be with you.

It is not the liveliest (0-62mph in 14 seconds), but that is balanced by average fuel consumption

well over 60mpg and band C road tax – zero in year one and £30 thereafter. The ISG version will save even more, averaging nearer 70mpg and zero/£20 respectively.

The engine rarely betrays that it is diesel – usually when cold or under extreme pressure – but is mostly refined in all modes and being particularly good at fast economical motorway in sixth gear.

Ride comfort is good, though this underlines that the i30 is not really set up for the sharp handling of dearer rivals like the Focus and co.

On the other hand, it is more than a match for a number of noted and, again, more expensive rivals and demonstrates Hyundai's progress in the UK and Euro markets.

For those who want a decent, reliable car at a sensible price, the i30 is also going to be easy to live with due to a sensible well-arranged dashboard, spacious cabin and rear seats that fold flat easily and quickly to swallow big loads.

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Now five-star Mini line-up

IT IS the most unlikely brand extension and a real conversation piece, but BMW Mini has produced a two-seater sports car spin-off from its hatchback original.

The new Coupé, out now, takes the range to five models including the Convertible, Clubman and Countryman. The sawn-off shape with active rear spoiler is priced from £16,640.



A double play from Nissan

NISSAN has revised drivetrains on two key engine options for its Juke supermini crossover.

The 117bhp 1.6-litre petrol and 110bhp 1.5-litre dCi diesel manual have been tweaked to cut emissions and fuel, saving up to £232.47 in fuel over three years – the move does not affect prices (from £13,395) and both now save on road tax by dropping down a band.



Savings with Prius Plug-in

TOYOTA has announced a start price of less than £31,000 for its Prius Plug-in Hybrid version, arriving in early 2012.

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Fuel consumption in MPG (l/100km) for Hyundai range: Urban 25.9 (10.9) - 61.4 (4.6), Extra Urban 39.8 (7.1) - 74.3 (3.8), Combined 33.2 (8.5) - 67.3 (4.2) CO2 Emissions 225 - 99 g/km

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Lexus aiming to change premium middle sector

LEXUS has announced a new styling direction for its range with the latest generation GS – the Japanese premium brand's answer to the BMW 5-Series, Audi A6 and Mercedes-Benz E-Class.

Due here early next year, Lexus says the new car will not only change the look of its cars but also herald more emphasis on the driving experience – an area where the Toyota luxury brand is seen to struggle against the best German rivals.

If it can pull it off, though, this GS could be a breakthrough model for Lexus, adding driver satisfaction to the marque's undoubted quality and value – all Lexus models come generously loaded with equipment.

The new GS has a wider stance than the current car and a more spacious interior yet virtually the same dimensions as currently – nobody wins custom in carmaking nowadays by going bigger than before.

UK buyers will be offered two models: the GS 450h full petrol-electric hybrid or GS 250 petrol.

The new range includes more use of aluminium to cut weight and boost nimbleness and ride comfort.

The GS also boasts a sexier grille, which Lexus says will become the new face of the brand and there is even a new paint palette designed to make the various colours shimmer more and complement the car's sleeker lines.

Standard kit includes reversing camera, 10 airbags – including knee airbags for both driver and front passenger – enhanced Bluetooth connectivity for onboard phone use and the usual premium sound/vision system expected of the brand, with a 17-speaker Mark Levinson system also available.

Prices for the new GS are expected to start at about £45,000.



LOOKING THE PART: Lexus hopes its new-look GS will herald more emphasis on the driving experience, an area in which it has struggled

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Zafira Tourer poses question

VAUXHALL is about to answer a difficult question but in doing so poses a new one with the imminent launch of the stylish new Zafira Tourer MPV.

The original question was: how does the General Motors brand counter the success of the sporty Ford S-Max, romping ahead in the seven-seat sporty people-carrier segment?

Well, the new Tourer is a stunning riposte and puts the Ford under further pressure with an entry price of £21,000, undercutting the S-Max by £1,200.

But in launching the Tourer, Vauxhall now poses a question mark over the standard Zafira, launched in 2005 and now in its twilight years.

Vauxhall insists that the Tourer is not a replacement and that both models will be sold alongside one another – at least for now.

However, they are similar in what they do, promoting speculation that when the current Zafira gets the chop the name will transfer to a new chunky crossover replacement like the

Nissan Qashqai, also neatly avoiding the need for Vauxhall's conspicuously unsuccessful and over-priced Antara SUV.

Back with the Zafira Tourer, we find that, despite aggressive pricing against the S-Max, the ES 1.8 140PS (138bhp) entry model comes with decent kit including air-con, digital radio and MP3/Aux connectivity, cruise control, six airbags, a seven-speaker sound system, active headrests and Vauxhall's Flex7 seating – all five rear seats fold flat to the floor.

The svelte design is another from the blueprint created by Vauxhall/Opel's British design guru Mark Adams, the man behind the European Car Of The Year-winning Insignia and the latest Astra, which came close to that coveted award.

But if the Tourer does its Ford rival for style, it must walk the talk on the driving front. Vauxhall insists it will with a new chassis and wide track, delivering good driving dynamics as well as ride comfort.

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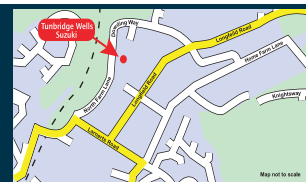
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SPORTS ROUND-UP

Boys take relay golds

THE winter athletics season began in style for Tonbridge AC's junior boys as they completed a clean sweep at the South of England Road Relay Championships last weekend.

The under-17 men provided the strongest showing, with their A-team of Luca Russo, Henry Pearce (pictured), Ryan Driscoll and Robbie Farnham-Rose taking gold, with the B-team finishing seventh.

There were also victories at Aldershot for the boys at under-15 and under-13 level, while the senior men finished 11th.

The best performance on the girls' side was in the under-15s, who claimed fifth place.



Cup exit for Rustics

A TRIP to the Kent Invicta League's basement side on Saturday offers Rusthall an opportunity to bounce back from a disappointing cup exit last weekend.

The Rustics produced a determined display to push Lewisham Borough all the way to extra time in their Challenge Cup first round tie at Jockey Farm.

Borough, one of the strongest sides in the division, created the majority of chances but the game was goalless until the 115th minute, when Phil McBean struck the winner.

Rusthall return to league action on Saturday and will start as favourites. Orpington have struggled to get to grips with the new division, losing all seven league games so far, and lost their cup tie 5-0 to Bly Spartans last weekend.

Ladies stroll to big win

JET Van Zalen hit a hat-trick as Sevenoaks ladies beat Chelmsford 7-2 on Saturday in their first win of the season.

Bouncing back from an opening day defeat at Surbiton, they were in control once Van Zalen opened the scoring on 14 minutes.

Jacqui Ward (pictured) doubled the lead within a minute and further goals from Van Zalen and Lucy Wood gave Sevenoaks a 4-0 lead at half-time.

Nicola Lloyd, Wood and Van Zalen were on target in the second half.

The ladies visit St Albans on Sunday.



Town slump extended

A NEW-LOOK Sevenoaks Town side were denied a point as they conceded a late goal at Corinthian on Tuesday night.

Town boss Darren Anslow brought in Chris Steadman, Aaron Guard, Ryan Palmer and George Savage for their first starts in a bid to turn around a poor run of form.

They looked to have done enough to earn a point at Gay Dawn Farm, but Lee Barnett scored an 87th minute winner for the hosts.

It was the second defeat in four days for Sevenoaks, whose FA Vase campaign was halted by a 3-0 defeat at Three Bridges last weekend.

Anslow's side, who are second bottom in the Kent League, host fifth-placed Fisher on Saturday but have injury doubts over strikers Richmond Kissi and Lloyd Boateng.

CHELMSFORD CITY V TONBRIDGE ANGELS:
FA Cup second round qualifying

Warrilow calls on Angels to cash in on FA Cup campaign

By David Pritchard

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PRESERVING Tonbridge Angels' Conference South status may be the priority this season but manager Tommy Warrilow is keen to emphasise the benefits of a lengthy FA Cup run.

The Angels begin their adventure with a visit to Chelmsford City in a second round qualifying tie on Saturday.

They are three wins away from the first round proper, but the club's recent record in the competition has been patchy and a 1-0 defeat to Guildford City at Longmead was one of the lowest points of last season.

Newly promoted clubs can often sacrifice their chances in the cup to concentrate on league points, but Warrilow dismissed the suggestion.

He said: "I think every season it's high on your list because of the rewards. We want to stay in it as long as we can to get as much money as possible for the club - we would be stupid to ignore that."

"I was gutted when we went out last season. It hurt because you want to bring some money in."

"A cup run can be seen as a



Picture: DAVE COULDRIDGE

ANGELS' RECENT FA CUP RECORD

2010/11: 1st round qualifying
2009/10: 3rd round qualifying
2008/09: 1st round qualifying
2007/08: 4th round qualifying
2006/07: 4th round qualifying



OUT: Jon Main is unlikely to feature at Chelmsford as he attempts to recover from persistent injuries

distraction but I think the financial rewards outweigh that and we'd all like a day out if we get through a couple of rounds."

Prize money of £4,500 awaits the winners of Saturday's game, which is the second time in less than a fortnight the clubs have met at Melbourn Park.

The Angels came from 2-0 down to claim a share of the points in the league game and will

give the visitors hope of forcing at least a replay against one of the Conference South's fancied sides.

Warrilow hopes a blank midweek will allow Lewis Taylor, Lee Browning and Scott Kinch to recover from injuries. Jon Main is likely to miss out, after the striker underwent a scan to get to the bottom of injury problems which have hampered him for several weeks.

GREENWICH BOROUGH V TUNBRIDGE WELLS:
Oakley Road, kick-off 3pm Saturday

Free-scoring Wells set sights on third place

A SPOT in the Kent League's top three is on offer for Tunbridge Wells this weekend as they look to maintain an excellent run with a visit to Greenwich Borough.

A 4-0 win at home to Lordswood in midweek moved Martin Larkin's side up to fourth in the table.

With third-placed VCD Athletic in cup action, Wells can leap above them if they can win for the fifth time in six outings.

Managers often play down the importance of league tables at this time of the season, but not Larkin.

"It's only a 30-game season so I think you have to keep an eye on it - we're very aware of what our targets are," he said.



"We said to the players on Tuesday we would go fourth if we won and they responded. They're very proud of what they do and all want to achieve things."

Wells dominated the Lords at Culverden, with Andy Irvine (pictured) putting them in front after three minutes.

Drew Crush added another before the break and both Jack Harris and Scott Whibley were on target in the second half.

It was the second big win in four days for the side, who beat Mile Oak 5-1 in the FA Vase last Saturday.

Harris grabbed a brace, while Irvine, Perry Spackman and Josh Biddlecombe also scored to set up a trip to Seaford Town in the first round proper.

CRICKET

Van Jaarsveld, Denly, Farbrace all quit cash-strapped Kent

KENT face a major reorganisation of their playing staff this winter after Paul Farbrace, Joe Denly and Martin van Jaarsveld all left the club this week.

Farbrace, who has been heavily linked with a return to Sri Lanka in recent weeks, steps down as director of cricket after two years.

During his time in charge the former Kent player was hampered by the club's financial problems. It saw several young players from the club's youth system given an opportunity, but results were patchy. The county were relegated from Division One of the LV= County Championship last season and finished second bottom in Division Two this summer.

He said: "It has been a privilege to be director of cricket. I have enjoyed working with the group of players and wish them well. I am now looking forward to the future and I will always have good memories of my time at Kent."

Denly's departure will not come as a surprise to many, with the batsman rejecting a contract extension offered last winter. Negotiations resumed in the summer, but no agreement was reached and the 25-year-old has instead moved to Middlesex.



Picture: ADY KERRY

OUT: Joe Denly has moved to Middlesex

Van Jaarsveld's exit was more unexpected and is arguably the biggest loss to Kent after becoming one of their most consistent performers since joining in 2005.

The South African asked to be released from the final year of his contract and has joined Leicestershire.

He said, "I have poured everything I have had in to trying to score runs and win games for the county, but now it is time for a new challenge."

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TOURING CARS

Brands offers home comforts as Motorbase eye form u-turn

By David Pritchard

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MOTORBASE Performance make the short trip to Brands Hatch this weekend desperately hoping for a change in fortune after a dismal sequence of results.

A superb season has hit the buffers in recent weeks, with the team, who compete in the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) as Airwaves Racing, going from front runners to picking up just one point from the last two race weekends.

It has left Mat Jackson needing a miracle to get back into the battle for the drivers' title in the final two rounds of the season.

The only realistic chance of silverware come the end of the season is now the independents' team championship, where the Wrotham-based outfit trail leaders 888 Racing by 20 points.

A philosophical Oly Collins, Airwaves Racing's team manager, admitted it had been a testing few weeks.

"We've had an absolutely terrible run of luck recently," he said.

"It has been no one's fault within the team; everyone has been spot on in the last month despite the poor results. We've dusted ourselves off and we're now ready for the final two meetings.

"The title results are out of our hands to a certain extent.



Picture: PSP IMAGES

HOME: Michael Caine testing at Brands Hatch, which is less than a mile from Motorbase's headquarters in Wrotham

All we can do now is go out there and try to have two great race weekends to finish on a high, if titles come on the back of that then great, if they don't, then we can be sure that we've all tried our very best."

Airwaves will again run three Ford Focus STs this weekend, with Michael Caine racing alongside Jackson and Liam Griffin.

Although there is little home advantage to be gained from being based so close to Brands, it has been a successful venue for them in the past. At the season opener in April, held on

the shorter Indy circuit, Jackson claimed two podiums and a fourth place finish from the three races.

The 30-year-old would need something even more impressive from the three races on the 2.3-mile Grand Prix circuit on Sunday to reduce the 45-point deficit to leader Gordon Shedden heading to the season finale at Silverstone.

The independent drivers' title remains in reach, with Jackson 24 points behind James Nash, but until it is mathematically impossible he will not give up hope of the overall champion-

ship.

"After two shocking weekends we now have nothing to lose so we have to go to Brands with one thing in mind: winning," he said.

"As far as titles are concerned, it sounds bad but the independent championship has never really featured on my radar.

"It's the overall championship that the team and I want and we have to keep fighting until the death and hope that the others' luck changes and, if the independent title comes home, then it's a bonus."

RUGBY

Late error costs Wells first win of the season

TUNBRIDGE Wells head to Charlton Park this weekend still looking for their first victory of the London 2 South East campaign after suffering a last-gasp defeat to Brighton last Saturday.

A close game looked to be heading Wells' way as they led 27-24 heading into the final minutes. But instead of clearing their lines the hosts looked to move the ball by hand, leading to a mistake which allowed Brighton to score.

Roger Clarke, club chairman, said: "Through unfortunate naivety they managed to throw the game away but that perhaps reflects the youthful nature of the side."

Rob Harrison is back to bolster the second row, but James Gwinnett's ligament damage will keep him out for six weeks.



Picture: BRUCE ELLIOTT

RUGBY

Oaks coach threatens the axe after defeat

A **SECOND** lacklustre performance in three games has left Sevenoaks head coach Danny Vaughan considering making personnel changes.

Oaks lost 24-12 at Deal & Betteshanger last weekend, producing a display which left Vaughan criticising their motivation and effort.

Coming shortly after a similarly flat performance on the opening day at Aylesford Bulls, it left the former Canterbury coach looking at his options.

He said: "We're getting to the stage where players haven't performed and we look at replacing them."

A trio of second XV players will get a chance to impress at home to Brighton on Saturday, with David Swainsbury, Josh Harding (pictured) and Dave Jones all unavailable.



Picture: LEE ADAMSON

RUGBY

TJs show impressive fitness levels to beat Rugby 'twice'

TONBRIDGE Juddians provided more evidence they have what it takes to succeed this season after beating a dangerous CS Rugby 1863 side last weekend.

TJs led 20-7 at one stage, but the visitors hit back to level the game before three tries in the last 20 minutes wrapped up a 39-20 victory.

TJs head coach Peter Dankert, whose side climbed to third in National 3 London & SE as a result, was pleased with his side's physical reserves.

He said: "We did have to win it twice. After getting in front they threw caution to the wind and took risks to get back into the game.

"There aren't any easy games at this level but one of the positives is we managed to come back against a side that wasn't tiring. Last season we

would go away from teams because they got tired, so it's good for the players to know they can do it against opponents who aren't fading."

TJs make the trip to Bishop's Stortford this Saturday uncertain of the challenge which awaits them.

The Hertfordshire club have blown hot and cold so far, beating Luton and Staines but they conceded 50 points on their trip to Canterbury.

Dankert said: "They've been up and down but three of their four games so far have been away, so we'll be expecting a difficult game."

TJs have injury concerns over Pat Sykes (knee) and Lee Campion (quad), who are both doubts. Flanker Buster Collins, a summer signing from Dover, has recovered from his injury and is in line to make his competitive debut.



Picture: NICK DUNGAN

DOUBT: Pat Sykes may miss Saturday's game with a knee injury

MOTORSPORT

Quaife-Hobbs to get F1 test in Abu Dhabi

ADRIAN Quaife-Hobbs will further his experience in a Formula One car in November after being selected for a test in Abu Dhabi.

The 20-year-old from Tonbridge drives in GP3 for Marussia Manor Racing, sister team to Marussia Virgin Racing.

Quaife-Hobbs, who finished fifth in the GP3 standings this season, has already completed two straight-line tests for the Virgin F1 team but the latest opportunity will be on the full Yas Marina circuit.

He said: "Previously I was helping the team to carry out development work, but now it will be more about them testing me.

"However, after a successful performance in the last two tests, I feel confident I can continue to improve as I get more used to the car."



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